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annual report 2007



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In memory...

The 2007 Freeport Town Report is dedicated to Alton Thompson and Merle Thompson

Alton Thompson

December 23, 1931 – October 9, 2007

Al worked for the Town's Public Work's Department for 38 years. He was first employed by the department in 1958 and moved up to the position of foreman in 1962. In 1978 he was promoted to director where he remained until his retirement at the end of 1996. Al was well known for his frugality and his "horse-trading" skills which benefited the town immeasurably.

Al possessed a deep commitment to this town and its residents and his dedication was far reaching. Al devoted over 47 years to the Fire Company and Fire Service, had the rank of Fire Captain, and was a life member of the Freeport Fire Company. Al served as a Captain on Freeport Rescue for 20 years. Al was a member of the American Legion Post and life member of the VFW Post. Al also took over the town's fireworks display, developing it into one of the favorite Fourth of July celebrations in the area. Even after his retirement, Al continued to set off the fireworks along with his sons. Al also continued to provide service to the town through his mowing of the roadsides and was a member of the Freeport Solid Waste and Recycling Committee and the Recreation Committee. Al Thompson was an active and devoted member of the Freeport community and his dedication, personality and huge presence will be greatly missed.



Merle Thompson

December 23, 1931 – November 22, 2007

The 2007 Freeport Town Report is also dedicated to Merle Thompson. Merle worked for the Town's Public Work's Department for 33 years. He was a heavy equipment operator and served as the Public Works Foreman for 13 years at the town. Merle was regarded by many as the best heavy equipment operator in the county and it was said that he could do things with a grader that no other person could do.

Merle also possessed a deep commitment to the town, his neighbors and community. Merle dedicated over 47 years to the Freeport Fire Rescue Department and Fire Company and was a life member of the Freeport Fire Company. He was also a proud member of the Freeport Masonic Lodge, the Amvets, American Legion and Shriners Club. With his big smile and sense of humor, Merle brightened the lives of those he encountered. He too will be greatly missed.

Al and Merle were two of Freeport's very special residents whose dedication, enthusiasm and commitment we have all benefited from for many, many years. Their absence will be felt deeply.



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town manager report

2007 HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved a Conservation Easement creating Soule Park in South Freeport
- Approved a Retirement Community Overlay District on U.S. Route One South
- Assisted in the preservation of Mitchell Ledge Farm by authorizing funds from the Land Bank Account as the local match
- Approved zoning amendments creating a new Village Mixed Use District
- Adopted a Pavement Maintenance Impact Fee Ordinance
- Adopted zoning amendments creating standards for Boarding Schools
- Accepted the donation of the Leon Gorman Park from L.L. Bean
- Approved a Development Program resulting in the construction of a new parking facility and a retail project.

To the members of the Freeport Town Council and the citizens of Freeport;

It is with great pleasure that I submit the 217th annual report concerning the Town of Freeport's municipal corporate activities for the fiscal operating period from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. Activity reports from the many boards, commissions, and administrative departments of the town as well as the municipal budget for this operating period appear throughout this publication.

As a number of reports reflect, the Town of Freeport is fortunate to possess an active and dedicated citizenry which contributes significantly to the positive development of the community. Many of the accomplishments realized during this period were due largely to the efforts of you, the citizens.

During the 2007 fiscal year, the Town Council considered 161 items of business. These items were taken up during 19 regular and special sessions and 10 workshops. Many of the items addressed by the Town Council included issues that were raised by committee members, town employees, citizens, as well as the elected town officials. Major areas which the Council focused on included: examining the need for community resources and services, protecting the local environment, improving the town's infrastructure and promoting development.

I would like to express my appreciation to the many volunteers serving the town in various capacities and the department administrators and town employees for their support and cooperation. Without their assistance, little would have been accomplished.



Dale Olmstead, Jr.

Town Manager

town council

It is my pleasure to submit the annual Freeport Town Council report for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. It has been a busy year for the Freeport community as we have tackled new initiatives while at the same time endeavoring to provide quality municipal services at a minimal expense to the residents of our community. Our work could not be accomplished without the hard work of the many volunteers serving the town on boards and committees.

The tremendous dedication and commitment to the community displayed by our volunteers is worthy of special appreciation and I sincerely thank all of you! We can truly be proud of our ability to work together toward a common goal and purpose.

On September 6, 2006, L.L.Bean and partner/developer Berenson Associates Inc. of Boston announced plans to build a new retail, restaurant and parking complex on the site of the current L.L.Bean Outlet Store and parking lot on Depot and Mill Streets. Since the announcement, permits have been issued and demolition of the existing buildings on the project site has begun. It is anticipated that new construction will begin in the fall of 2007. This development is exciting news for the Town of Freeport as it represents an opportunity to reinvigorate the downtown shopping area and advance Freeport's position as an elite shopping destination.

This year also saw the completion of a local zoning change through the development of a new mixed-use district adjacent to the downtown village core. The mixed-use district plan has been under consideration for a number of years and its adoption represents a major opportunity to once again develop businesses within the downtown area that provide local residents with much needed services. The final plan adopted by the Town Council took into consideration input from the Planning Board and numerous local residents and represented a reasonable compromise between the concerns and desires of all parties.

Over the past year the Freeport Town Council, in cooperation with the Freeport School Committee, the Towns of Pownal, Durham and Yarmouth and numerous volunteers from across all communities began the difficult task of establishing a plan for school consolidation. The work is not completed yet, however, we remain hopeful that we can craft a governance structure with all our partners that will provide the very best quality education for our children at a cost that each community can afford. We will continue our work on this initiative with the goal of submitting a consolidation plan to the voters sometime in early 2008.

This past year was yet another difficult budget year as we tried to make adjustments to offset the escalating cost of government and the continued reduction in state aid for education. The Town Council worked hard with the Town Manager and the School Committee to develop a budget that provided the critical services necessary for the citizens of Freeport at a cost that was fiscally responsible. In the end, the Town Council adopted a budget that would change the mill rate from \$12.50 per thousand to \$12.56 per thousand an increase of \$0.06.

In closing I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Councilors John Arsenault (Absent), Genie Beaulieu, Charlotte Bishop, Rich DeGrandpre, Joe Migliaccio, and Rick White. Governance is not easy, and I truly appreciate each of you and your collective ability to bring together different ideas and perspectives to form thoughtful solutions for our community.

James Cassida
Town Council Chair



Genie Beaulieu



Rick White



Rich DeGrandpre



Joe Migliaccio



Charlotte Bishop



town clerk

Vital Statistics:

67 Births 58 Marriage licenses 120 Deaths

Shellfish Licenses sold:

Commercial Licenses: 51 (45 resident and 6 non-resident licenses)

Recreational Licenses: 130 (105 resident and 25 non-resident licenses)

Other services:

Notary Public and Dedimus Justice

Victualer licenses (81 issued)

41 restaurants 16 lodging places 11 Food Peddlers 13 other

Liquor licenses

Food peddler licenses (public property) (2 issued)

Special amusement permits (7 issued)

Automobile junkyard permits (2 issued)

Commercial passenger boat licenses (3 issued)

Business licenses (d/b/a; sole proprietors)

News vending device licenses (5 publishers)

Parking stickers for the town parking lot at the harbor

Recycling Center punch cards (\$8 and \$16)

Applications to all Boards & Committees

Marriage ceremonies

Genealogy searches



Joan Edwards

Deputy Town Clerk

Elections:

NOVEMBER 7, 2006 – State and Municipal Election

63% of registered voters cast 3979 ballots in this election.

19% of the ballots were absentees.

The voters elected the following persons to municipal offices, each for three year terms:

Councilor-At-Large **Charlotte Bishop** Councilor, District 4 **James Cassida**

School Committee **John Gleason, Christopher Leighton, Susan Martling**

Sewer District Trustees **Brendon Alterio, Leon Arsenault, Donald Bail**

Water District Trustee **Maryann Schwanda**

Voters also cast ballots for Governor, U.S. Senator, U.S. Congress, State Senate Dist. 10, State House Dist. 106, and County Offices. The State ballot also contained questions for a Citizens Initiative and a Constitutional Amendment.

JUNE 12, 2007 – Special State and Municipal Election

11.5% of registered voters cast ballots in this election.

12% of ballots cast were absentees.

Ballots cast for the two Municipal Referendum questions:

1. Bonds for High School Boiler replacement: yes: 495 no: 165

2. Bonds for School System Lighting upgrades: yes: 471 no: 213

Freeport voters also cast ballots for two State Referendum Bond questions, one for transportation improvements and the other to support drinking water programs and wastewater treatment facilities.

Dogs: The Town Clerk's office registered 1051 dogs, and two kennels. Any dog six months or older must be licensed by January 31st of each year. A current Maine rabies certificate must be presented at the time of licensing. If a dog is neutered, a spay/neutering certificate must be presented at the initial registration. The licensing of cats is not required; however, a cat must be vaccinated against rabies. The Town Clerk holds a Rabies Clinic every year in the Town Hall during the month of January for vaccination of any dog or cat. The charge is for the cost of the rabies vaccine only. It is now possible to register your dog online. A link to the Maine Dog Registration website is located on the Town's website: www.freeportmaine.com

Hunting/fishing licenses: The Town Clerk's Office issues Fishing, Hunting, Jr. Hunting, and Archery licenses to Maine residents. Our office has used the State's on-line registration service – MOSES for two years. Residents may purchase a license from this on-line service without coming to our office. The link for entering the MOSES system is located on the Town's website: www.freeportmaine.com Lifetime licenses are available to applicants 5 years of age or younger and 65 years of age and older. Once purchased through the State, a lifetime license is valid for the life of the holder without regard to subsequent changes in the legal residence of the holder.

Passport Agency: The Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk are authorized by the U.S. Dept. of State to process passport applications. This service requires extensive and continual training. Many citizens are pleased that we offer this service because it is very convenient to come to Town Hall to process the paperwork, especially for small children. The processing fee for each passport goes to the town's revenues. Due to the expanded requirements for passports to certain vacation destinations in the Western Hemisphere, this office processed double the number of applications from prior years. During fiscal year '07 we processed 455 passport applications.



Beverly Curry

Town Clerk & Registrar of Voters

town assessor

The Town Assessor is an agent of the State, and is charged by law with discovering, describing, and valuing property, as well as the ownership of that property, for the purpose of taxation. To raise the funds for the budget approved by the Town Council, the assessor prepares a list of all properties annually and commits the assessments to the Town Tax Collector for collection. The Assessing Office then reports to the State Department of Revenue Services regarding its activities for the year.

Valuation – This office conducted a Market Update of Valuations in 2006 to bring assessments more in line with the market and restore equity. Since then, the national real estate markets have softened. However, prices in Freeport have remained a bit above assessed valuations, on average.

Tax Rate – The tax rate rose from \$12.50 last year to \$12.56 this year.

Homestead Exemption - If you have owned a home in Maine for 12 months prior to April first, you may apply for this program. Forms are available at the Tax Assessor's office and the Town's web site. If you have already applied, there is no need to reapply.

Veteran's Exemption - A property owner may obtain a reduction in the valuation of their property if they are a veteran who is not dishonorably discharged; are over 62 or are an un-remarried widow/widower of a qualifying veteran. If the veteran is under 62 but is 100% disabled due to a service-connected disability, he/she might likewise qualify. Applications for these exemptions are available in the Assessor's Office, and on our web site.

Property Tax and Rent Refund Program (Circuit Breaker Program) - Maine also has a property tax and rent refund program for low-income residents. It is called the Resident Tax and Rent and Low-Cost Drug Program, and you may obtain an application at Town Hall.



Robert Konczal Assessor



Clinton Swett Assistant to the Assessor

VALUATIONS AS OF APRIL 1, 2007:

Real Estate:	Totals
(land) -	\$691,821,200
(building) -	\$812,061,500
(subtotal) -	<u>\$1,503,882,700</u>
Personal Property:	\$141,511,853
Gross Valuation:	<u>\$1,645,394,553</u>
Less Exemptions:	
Veterans, Blind, Homestead, Public, Charitable, Religious, Railroad, Other	(\$ 102,382,350)

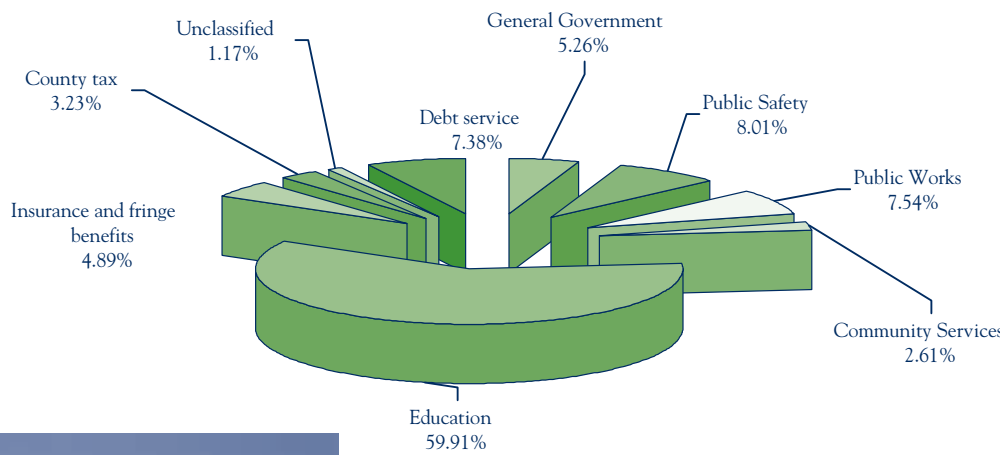
NET TAXABLE VALUATION	\$1,543,012,203
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municipal budget

Fiscal Year 2007 General Fund Expenditures – Budget to Actual

	Budget	Actual	Variance
General government	\$ 1,280,151	1,222,866	57,285
Public Safety	1,889,495	1,863,228	26,267
Public Works	1,817,588	1,754,769	62,819
Community Services	627,745	606,852	20,893
Education	13,918,981	13,935,271	(16,290)
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,260,800	1,136,406	124,394
County tax	751,831	751,831	-
Unclassified	276,500	272,256	4,244
Debt service	1,758,930	1,715,489	43,441
Total expenditures	\$ 23,582,021	23,258,969	323,052

Expenditure Components 2007



From left:

Greg L'Heureux, Diane Hutchinson, Debbie Reeder, Christine Phelps

tax collector

Outstanding 2006 Tax Liens as of June 30, 2007

NAME	Tax Balance	NAME	Tax Balance
1930 LISBON ROAD INC	\$ 4,121.74	GRAHAM BEATRICE HEIRS OF	\$ 135.64
AGOSTINO MICHAEL J	3,068.46	GREEN KAREN SUE	459.28
ASHBY MICHAEL J	1,356.01	GROSE LELANI V	1,102.61
BAKER GARY L	1,267.84	HARRIMAN MICHAEL	1,258.45
BATCHELDER CHARLES D III	396.61	HARRIMAN MICHAEL	210.75
BATCHELDER CHARLES D III	392.92	HART JR BERNARD	958.04
BEEBE VERIAN L	2,600.94	JAMES BURGESS INC	877.69
BOLDUC DAVID	586.27	KARDASH NICK	105.65
BOLDUC DAVID A	1,121.38	LANDRY BRADFORD	144.98
BOLDUC DAVID A	2,394.40	LANE FREDERICK K	39.38
BOLDUC DAVID A	2,713.59	LEIGHTON SHANE E	3,023.40
BOWIE TINA	375.98	MAINES DANNY A	2,199.13
BRAWN SHARON	790.89	MAINES GENEVA R	1,729.73
BREWER SCOTT S	2,373.75	MOODY BETSY	881.06
BROWN MICHAEL R	3,312.55	MORTIMER LUCY ELANOR LE	465.77
BURGESS CEDRIC P JR	71.33	NORTON BERDENA	1,816.11
CAIRE DIRK R	2,629.03	NORTON JOYCE E	346.45
COFFILL GEORGE JR	592.73	PUSHARD NELLIE M	1,855.53
COGSWELL ANNA K	813.46	PUSHARD WILLIAM L	1,656.50
COLLINS ELIZABETH M	44.75	PUSHARD WILLIAM L	158.17
CORLISS RAYMOND H	681.75	RANDALL JOHN B II	2,967.07
COX W RUSSELL JR ET ALS	126.25	RAY THEODORE R	2,905.12
CRONE FLOYD J	1,697.81	RICE DONALD	62.42
CRONE GARY R	1,250.94	RING ELIZABETH MATHILDE	9,153.17
CURTIS ALICE	1,611.45	RING THORNTON D	197.60
D A B INC	3,485.30	ROBINSON CARLTON L HEIRS	4,005.15
DAVIS ROLAND G	950.52	RUMERY DAN	907.34
DAVIS WILLIAM S JR	434.40	SCAMMON GAIL L	882.93
DAVIS WILLIAM S JR	141.33	SKINNER JERRI L	1,195.26
DAVIS WILLIAM S JR	98.94	SMALL GLENDON S	2,071.45
DIPIETRO ANTONIO H	948.64	SNOW CHRISTOPHER	378.07
DIPIETRO ASSOCIATES TRUST	4,724.52	TAYLOR STEPHEN F	50.09
DIPIETRO LAWRENCE C JR	781.54	TAYLOR STEPHEN F	92.48
DODGE CARL A	1,127.45	TAYLOR STEPHEN F	1,297.94
DODGE CARL A JR	996.83	TAYLOR STEPHEN F	717.33
DODGE MARK L	683.90	THERRIEN ERIC J SR	105.22
EASLER GARY	767.63	VICKERSON RANDALL A III	867.91
ERSKIN KAREN	295.24	WARD ANDREW	302.75
FARLEY REGINALD	943.01	WILLMAN EMMA F	1,164.22
FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,378.62	WINSLOW WILLIAM L	2,251.71
FOSTER JAMES L	154.42	YORK GEORGE S	668.88
FREEDOM EXPRESS LIMITED LIAB CO	4,472.91	YOUNG PEGGY W	3,303.17
GALLI JUTTA	1,205.88		

Outstanding Personal Property Tax as of June 30, 2007

YEAR	NAME	Balance
2002	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	\$ 50.63
2003	MANSON'S AUTO REPAIR	109.95
2003	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	267.60
2004	MANSON'S AUTO REPAIR	235.30
2004	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	411.34
2005	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	447.98
2005	MANSON'S AUTO REPAIR	274.58
2005	PINE CAPITAL	447.98
2005	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	476.36
2006	AVENUE 5 LLC	177.21
2006	BEEBE'S AUTO BODY AND USED CARS	43.89
2006	DBA INC	947.45
2006	DOWNEAST TREASURES THOMAS KINKADE	393.07
2006	FREEPORT AUTO REPAIR	434.47
2006	FREEPORT TACK COMPANY	504.78
2006	FREEPORT WINE & CHEESE	15.35
2006	MANSON'S AUTO REPAIR	317.80
2006	PINE CAPITAL	504.78
2006	RINGS MARINE SERVICE INC	531.06
2006	SEYMOUR EXCAVATING	931.92

Outstanding Tax Liens Prior to 2006 as of June 30, 2007

YEAR	NAME	Balance
1990	FOSTER JAMES L	\$ 82.57
1991	FOSTER JAMES L	90.41
1993	FOSTER JAMES L	59.28
1994	FOSTER JAMES L	62.89
1995	FOSTER JAMES L	64.60
1996	FOSTER JAMES L	65.17
1997	FOSTER JAMES L	65.17
1998	FOSTER JAMES L	67.64
1999	FOSTER JAMES L	69.73
2000	FOSTER JAMES L	69.73
2001	FOSTER JAMES L	70.67
2002	FOSTER JAMES L	77.33
2003	FOSTER JAMES L	104.73
2004	FOSTER JAMES L	106.79
2005	FOSTER JAMES L	106.79

The list of taxes receivable and tax liens receivable are arranged by the type of tax owed, the year for which it is owed, and alphabetically listed property owners on record as of the annual tax assessment date of April 1 used for the appropriate year the taxes were committed. Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, Section 941 requires the Town to list the taxes due by property owners of record. However, in the case of real estate tax liens and when the Town has received notice of a transfer of the owner of record subsequent to the appropriate April 1 date from Cumberland County Registry of Deeds or other official sources acceptable to the Town Assessor, these

new owners of record are shown in parentheses. Also listed are Map and Lot numbers references of each property against which taxes are due and the amount of taxes outstanding. In addition to the amounts shown, interest charges and costs for liens would be due on the accounts shown.

Any inquiries regarding taxes due on specific parcels of property should be made to the Tax Collector in the Finance Department at the Town Office.

Tax Acquired Property as of June 30, 2007

YEAR	NAME	Balance	YEAR	NAME	Balance
1989	CURTIS ALICE	\$ 920.89	2001	AMRESKO NEW HAMPSHIRE INC	\$ 2,521.20
1990	CURTIS ALICE	978.99		CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	76.40
1991	COGSWELL ANNA K	256.46		COGSWELL ANNA K	672.32
	CURTIS ALICE	1,071.95		CURTIS ALICE	1,256.78
1992	COGSWELL ANNA K	268.97		FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,149.82
	CURTIS ALICE	1,124.24		RANDALL JOHN B II	2,589.96
1993	COGSWELL ANNA K	737.88	2002	AMRESKO NEW HAMPSHIRE INC	2,758.80
	CURTIS ALICE	1,135.68		CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	83.60
	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	2,221.44		COGSWELL ANNA K	735.68
1994	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	94.33		CRONE GARY R	348.14
	COGSWELL ANNA K	782.82		CURTIS ALICE	1,375.22
	CURTIS ALICE	1,204.84		ERSKIN KAREN	280.06
	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	2,356.72		FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,258.18
1995	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	193.80		RANDALL JOHN B II	2,834.04
	COGSWELL ANNA K	804.10	2003	BOWIE TINA	26.30
	CURTIS ALICE	1,237.60		CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	8.88
	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	2,420.80		COGSWELL ANNA K	875.08
1996	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	195.51		CRONE GARY R	1,247.83
	COGSWELL ANNA K	723.73		CURTIS ALICE	1,588.63
	CURTIS ALICE	1,248.52		ERSKIN KAREN	237.85
	HILCO PROPERTY SERVICES, INC.	2,442.16		FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,207.00
	KEARNS JOHN	260.18		RANDALL JOHN B II	2,870.18
1997	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	195.51	2004	BOWIE TINA	320.37
	COGSWELL ANNA K	723.73		CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	9.05
	CURTIS ALICE	1,248.52		COGSWELL ANNA K	892.33
	KEARNS JOHN	973.92		CRONE GARY R	1,272.43
1998	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	202.92		CURTIS ALICE	1,619.95
	COGSWELL ANNA K	751.16		ERSKIN KAREN	158.56
	CURTIS ALICE	1,295.84		FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,230.80
	KEARNS JOHN	1,100.04		RANDALL JOHN B II	2,962.97
	RANDALL JOHN B II	1,472.08		RICE DONALD	88.04
1999	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	80.74	2005	BOWIE TINA	320.37
	COGSWELL ANNA K	645.92		CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	9.05
	CURTIS ALICE	1,207.43		COGSWELL ANNA K	892.33
	FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,134.03		CRONE GARY R	1,272.43
	RANDALL JOHN B II	2,187.32		CURTIS ALICE	1,619.95
2000	AMRESKO NEW HAMPSHIRE INC	2,422.20		ERSKIN KAREN	242.54
	CARTER ROBERTA LYNN	80.74		FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,230.80
	COGSWELL ANNA K	502.69		FREEDOM EXPRESS LIMITED LIAB CO	4,255.31
	CURTIS ALICE	1,207.43		GRAHAM BEATRICE HEIRS OF	44.34
	FAULKNER CAROLINE	1,134.03		GROSE LELANI V	436.51
	RANDALL JOHN B II	2,488.26		RANDALL JOHN B II	2,962.97
				RICE DONALD	126.70
				YORK GEORGE S	20.47

codes enforcement

For the first time in many years, Freeport saw a sharp decline in the number of building permits issued for the construction of single-family dwellings. This year, only 28 permits were issued, while the yearly average is 44. The trend for permits for duplex and multi-family dwellings was just the opposite, with the number of permits for both being above the average. We continue to see residential upgrades and additions as the greater the portion of permits issued.

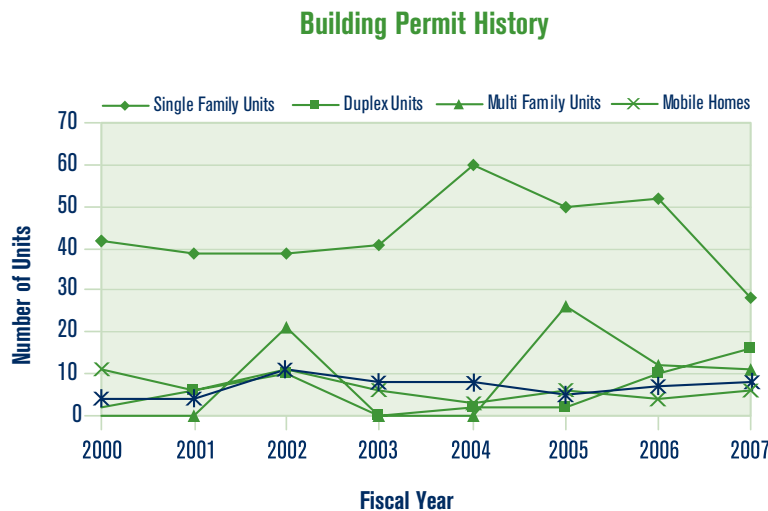
Eight permits were issued for commercial construction, slightly higher than the average and the number issued over the past few years. Some of the new commercial construction projects which are now underway include the LL Bean Hunt/Fish Store, LL Bean Data Center, and Antonia's Pizzeria on Lower Main Street. A replacement building at was also constructed at 6 Bow Street after the former building that was home to Bridgham and Cook Ltd. was destroyed by fire in September 2006.

The Board of Appeals was busy reviewing applications. The Board reviewed 17 applications for setback reductions, 6 applications for variances, 3 applications for mislocated building appeals, and one request for a one-time expansion of a non-conforming building for the Freeport Village Store.

As always, we are here to answer any questions you may have regarding residential and commercial building projects in the Town of Freeport. We encourage you to contact our office prior to starting a construction project of any size.



Fred Reeder
Codes Enforcement Officer



BUILDING PERMIT HISTORY (2000-2007)

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Avg. 00-07
Single Family Units	42	39	39	41	60	50	52	28	43.88
Duplex Units	2	6	10	0	2	2	10	16	6.00
Multi Family Units	0	0	21	0	0	26	12	11	8.75
Mobile Homes	11	6	11	6	3	6	4	6	6.63
New Commercial Construction	4	4	11	8	8	5	7	8	6.88

TOTAL UNITS	59	55	92	55	73	89	85	69	72.13
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These numbers are broken down by fiscal year. The numbers are compiled from the official permit log of the Freeport Codes Enforcement Department. Numbers can be verified and missing numbers can be obtained by reviewing this log. These numbers indicate units permitted and do not take into consideration replacement units or whether or not the unit was actually built.

general assistance

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of the General Assistance Office for the fiscal year 2007. The Town of Freeport continues to serve as the Regional General Assistance Office for residents from the Towns of Freeport and Yarmouth. The purpose of creating the Regional Office was to provide opportunities for savings and revenues for the towns, keeping in mind the needs of the clients. The regional program continues to run smoothly, clients from both towns have been satisfied with the changes in the administration of the program, and staff from both towns have worked together to create workfare assignments and respond to specific resident needs. Yarmouth has been able to save on personnel, benefit and training costs and Freeport has benefited from the creation of an additional revenue source. Both towns have been satisfied with the Regional Office and will continue to operate this regional program in the foreseeable future.

The administration of general assistance requests shall continue to be handled in accordance with applicable Maine State Law and in accordance with the General Ordinance and Appendixes adopted by the Towns of Freeport and Yarmouth. Applications may be obtained at the Freeport Town Office located at 30 Main Street in Freeport and appointments for review of general assistance requests and applications can be directed to the Freeport General Assistance Office (865-4743 ext 120) unless there is a hardship regarding an inability to travel to the Freeport Office. In such event, arrangements will be made with the applicant to meet for an appointment at the Yarmouth Town Office, or if necessary or appropriate, at the applicant's home.



Johanna Hanselman
General Assistance Administrator

In addition to the assistance provided by the General Assistance Program, approximately \$13,055 was awarded to 79 Freeport individuals for financial help with medical expenses during the past fiscal year. This money is generated through the Gould and Davis Trust Funds and provides financial assistance with hospital expenses, prescription drugs, physician visits and dental emergencies. Applications for these funds are available through this office and Freeport residents are eligible based on financial need.

Assistance is also offered with completing the Maine State Property Tax and Rent Refund forms. Forms for this program are available at the Town Office. For the 2007 Program (based on 2006 property taxes and income) these applications must be completed and submitted by June 2, 2008.

I would like to take this opportunity to express how fortunate Freeport is to have so many dedicated individuals and organizations who work together to offer services to Freeport residents, including Town employees, Freeport Community Services, local clergy, school personnel, senior citizen representatives, mental health professionals and police personnel. I would also like to thank those at the Town of Yarmouth who have worked to make the establishment of a Regional Office one which has been a smooth transition for residents, employees and various service agencies.

2007 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

Housing	\$11,738.05
Heating	\$5,296.37
Electric Service	\$3,325.98
Food	\$1,593.29
Other	\$1,803.21
Total:	\$23,756.90

Total Individuals Assisted:	170
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town planner

This has been another busy year in the Planning Department with both the Project Review Board and Planning Board seeing an increase in the number of applications.

The Planning Board continued their discussions on the creation of a Village Mixed Use District, as recommended by the Report of the Village Planning Committee. The intent of the new district is to provide an area for local goods and services and for higher density residential development. In December 2006, after more than a year of public meetings, the Planning Board made a recommendation to the Freeport Town Council for the creation of the new district. The recommendation also included the creation of the Design Review District II which is an extension of the existing Design Review District. Properties in the Design Review Districts may be subject to review if any exterior building or site alterations are made.

The new Village Mixed Use Districts (VMU-1, VMU-2, and VMU-3) and Design Review District II are located adjacent to the village center in the area of Bow Street and South Street. If you are located in this area and have questions on the new standards, please feel free to stop by our office at any time.

The Planning Board also made a recommendation to the Town Council to permit Accessory Apartments. Such apartments were not previously permitted in Freeport and are now permitted in most areas of Town. Accessory apartments are small units in a single family home. There are standards that must be met in order to have an accessory apartment and a building permit is required. The standards are available on the Town's website or in the Codes Enforcement Office during normal business hours.

Donna Larson
Town Planner



The Planning Board was also busy with requests that members of the public made for Zoning Ordinance Amendments. The Planning Board also reviewed requests for Zoning Ordinance Amendments from landowners, such as, the creation of a Retirement Community Overlay District in the area of Stagecoach Road and Pine Street; prohibiting boarding schools in the Rural Residential II District; definition of a public/private school to add standards for boarding schools; parking standard for churches in the Village Commercial I District; the definition of a cemetery to allow a crematory as an accessory use; and to change a portion of the existing Resource Protection II District (west of I-295) to Rural Residential I.

The Board continues to meet with property owners along the Route One South corridor to develop zoning amendments that would make this part of town friendlier to small business and higher density residential development while ensuring quality building construction and minimizing traffic congestion. A recommendation from the board is expected in fall 2007.

Subdivision Statistics FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

Subdivision	Location	Type	Total Acreage	Total Acreage in Open Space	# Lots/ Units
Hemlock Ridge - Residential Subdivision	Pownal Road	Single Family	18.02	12.95	4
Concord Brook Residential Condos (Phase III)	Pine Street	Condominiums	1.07	n/a	8
Chestnut Court - Residential Subdivision	US Route One (North)	Single Family	14.97	10.80	4
Baker Road-Residential Subdivision	Baker Road	Single Family	5.01	n/a	1
Cushing Avenue – Residential Duplex	Snow Road	Duplex	0.46	n/a	2
Lagomarsino – Subdivision Amendment	Marquis Road	Single Family	11.60	n/a	1
Stonewood Commercial Subdivision	Stonewood Drive	Commercial	n/a	n/a	Lot merge
Totals	–	–	51.13	23.75	20



Caroline Pelletier
Assistant to the Town Planner

As directed by the Freeport Town Council, the Planning Board will also be working on updating the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and will begin by conducting a Community Attitude Survey in the early winter of 2007. The Board is taking a different approach in reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan, in that Plan amendments and Ordinance amendments are being made concurrently. The Board is taking more of a neighborhood and corridor approach to planning which is providing more opportunity for public input, not only on the long-term vision for an area, but also with details that are included in ordinances.

Proposals for residential and commercial development have kept the Project Review Board busy. The review of residential projects was slower than the few past years, with the Board approving 8 subdivisions and/or subdivision amendments. Four subdivision projects and two retirement communities are in the review process.

The Board approved 21 site plans, and/or site plan amendments. A new 550-car parking garage and 118,000 square feet of new retail space was approved by the Board after several very productive meetings. This includes one of Freeport's largest projects and is expected to draw many new businesses to the village. The Board reviewed 35 requests for Design Review Certificates, with our streamlined review process; some of the different types of review were done simultaneously.

The Staff Review Board meets on an as needed basis and typically reviews smaller projects. This year the Board reviewed three applications; all for change of uses. One for a new daycare and two for the change of use for the Freeport Small Business Park on U.S. Route One.

Summary of Major Site Plans Reviewed FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007)

Casco Bay YMCA	Addition
Freeport Village Retail – Bow Street	Addition
L.L. Bean – Hunt/Fish:	
Addition to Retail Store	Addition
1495 US Route One – Office Bldg	New Building
Antonia's Restaurant	New Building
Exit 20 LLC – Office Building	New Building
L.L. Bean Data Center	New Building
L.L. Bean Storage Building	New Building
Freeport Village Station	New Building Parking Garage
Coastal Studies for Girls School	New Buildings
Leon Gorman Park – Bow Street	Park
L.L. Bean Parking Lot – 48 spaces	Parking Lot
One South Plaza – Restaurant/Office	Renewal
Total Concept Inc – Office Building	Renewal
Wireless Telecommunication Facility	Tower

community television

It is with great pleasure that I submit the report of Freeport Cable TV 7 for the year ending June 30, 2007. FCTV continues to provide, and improve Public Access Television for the cable television subscribers and citizens of Freeport.

Broadcasting Town Council, Planning Board, and School Committee meetings continues with additional coverage of Project Review Committee meetings. FCTV also provides coverage of The Lioness Variety Show, Memorial Day Parade, and Ed Bonney's Election Special.

Local origination programming continues to be produced and broadcast, providing viewers with a wide range of programs to choose from. Contributing local producers are Ed Bonney and his Conversations Series, and Brian Lydon and his human interest programs.

The Cable Franchise Negotiation Committee continues the arduous task of negotiating a franchise agreement with the cable company, Comcast. While negotiations have slowed, the committee has remained focused on providing the Town of Freeport, and cable television subscribers with a creditable agreement

If you have an idea for a public access television program please contact FCTV. We continue to remain available for help and guidance to make your local television experience enjoyable and memorable.

FCTV 7 production support includes Ed Bonney, Devon Ertha, John Goran, Debora Levensailor, Brian Lougee, Steve McPheters, Gage Simard, Sean Simard, Mike Williams, and many others.

Thank you to the members of the Freeport Cable TV Regulatory Board, and the Cable Franchise Negotiation Committee for all your hard work and dedicated service to the Town of Freeport.

Rick Simard
Cable Director



town hall staff



Judith Hawley
Assistant to the Town Manager



Sara Devlin
Staff Assistant



Brent Moon
Maintenance



police department

Throughout this fiscal period, the Police Department was the recipient of several grants from the Bureau of Highway Safety to conduct speed enforcement and seat belt safety details at various times throughout the community.

The department also received a grant to address underage drinking. With these funds, the department worked with our local retailers to post advisory notices in the stores reminding customers that the purchase of alcohol for underage youth was illegal. We also used the funds to conduct a variety of enforcement details.

During the past several years, we have seen an increase in the amount of cases that require a significant amount of investigative time. Therefore, we conducted an internal assessment of our staff assignments. With some adjustments, we were able to establish a detective's position within the department. We are expecting this position to allow us to spend more time doing more detailed investigations in criminal cases. It will also allow us to have more direct contact with investigative units giving us a better flow of criminal activity information in the local area. As a result of a competitive process, **Officer Gino Bianchini** was promoted to the Detective's position.

Long-time **Dispatcher Beverly True** retired from her full-time dispatching position after sixteen (16) years of service to the community.

Other highlights of the year included the following:

The members of the police department participated in the annual Maine Special Olympics Torch Run and other fund-raising events.

During the year, our officers responded to approximately **7100** calls for service.

During the year, our department made **384** arrests.

The Police Officers handled **409** motor vehicle accidents.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the citizens of Freeport, the business community, the town administrators and the elected officials for their continued support. The members of the Police Department are here to serve the community.



We offer a wide variety of safety programs. Please contact us if we can be of service to you or your organization. Also, if you have any comments on how we can better serve the community, please let us know.

Gerald B. Schofield
Chief of Police

CHIEF

Gerald B. Schofield

LIEUTENANT

Susan B. Nourse

SERGEANTS

John D. Perrino

Nathaniel Goodman

PATROLMEN

Robert F. Fusselman

Michael K. McManus

Paul E. Chenevert

Paul A. Powers

David W. Stailing

Gino Bianchini

Joseph Pelletier

Archie Juntura

RESERVE OFFICERS

Henry J. Sydlowski

Thomas Gabbard

DISPATCHERS

Kenneth E. Baird

Bradford M. Holden

Kurt Nielsen

Mari-Melinda Smith

PART-TIME DISPATCHERS

Emily McDorr

Beverly True

SHELLFISH WARDEN

Tom Kay

SECRETARY

Gabrielle N. Tilton

fire—rescue

It gives me great pleasure to submit the Freeport Fire-Rescue Department annual report from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. We have one career Firefighter/Paramedic covering 24 hours a day. Our Non-Emergency crews are also responding to first and secondary emergency runs when available, allowing us to use very little mutual aid and generating more revenue stream to our Town.

The Fire and Rescue Department responded to 1687 calls for emergency service, which is a 13.75 % increase in calls from the previous year. We also responded to 2077 NET Calls, indicating a 30% increase over the previous year. Our total calls for service this last year was 3,764. The community experienced a dollar loss of \$1,121,496 during this reporting period. This includes losses from vehicle fires, several boat fires, and structure fires.

Maintaining a strong call force for fire and rescue operations continues to be an ongoing challenge within our Department. Current career staffing of one firefighter/paramedic on duty at the station 24 hours a day does not meet the minimum requirements of NFPA 1720 that recommends a minimal of four personnel respond on all Fire responses. Therefore, we rely heavily on our call force to respond to these emergencies. Housing costs in the area of Freeport, increased gas prices to members responding in their POV's, increased State and Federal requirements of fire and rescue members, and less frequent time available from members due to family and work demands are the main issues that lower our pool of call force candidates. As members come from the outskirts of town or other areas, our response times increase when staffing apparatus for emergencies. Our incident model shows that the busiest times are during the daytime, when many of our personnel are at their full time jobs and unavailable to respond to emergency calls.

Not only do our call force personnel have many demands from Home, State and Federal mandates, but they also require conducting and attending a lot of training hours in order to maintain required certifications and licenses necessary for Emergency response. Our total hours of training conducted in house throughout the year



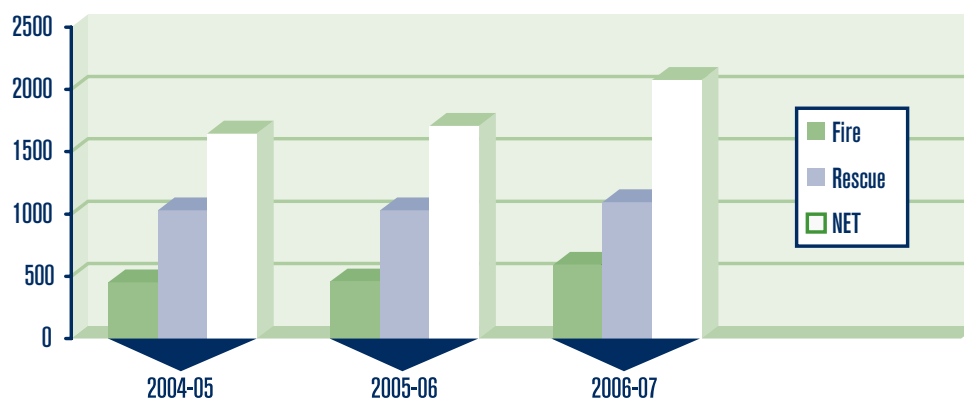
Darrel G. Fournier

Fire/Rescue Chief

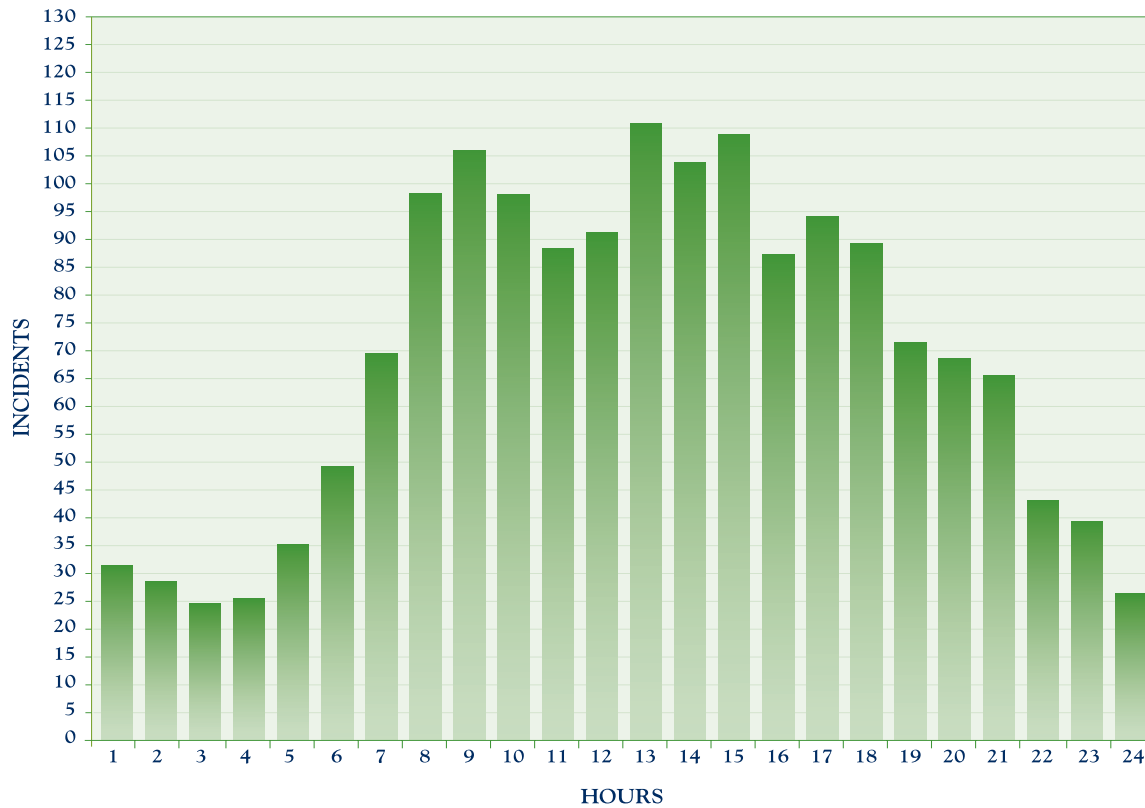
were 3012 hours. That is an average of 60 hours per year for each member of the Department. These are hours beyond the requirements that our EMS providers attend in order to maintain their license. Each license level requires to be renewed every three years and the member must have a minimal of anywhere from 38 to 56 hours of additional training in certain skill areas.

Our members also spend a lot of time conducting public education tours in-house and at sites such as daycares, schools, and other public activities. They conduct a very successful annual Open House during Fire Prevention Week each October. Over 300 people attend this event with and without children. Events around our Town require us to serve as a safety net. We attend road races, triathlons, bike races, parades, and concert events to assure the public has rapid response of emergency services. Even though these events do not create a strain on our budget because the event usually compensates for the emergency coverage, it does create a strain on our call force by extending their requirements of service.

Our EMS providers respond to a wide range of calls from public assists, medical emergencies, trauma, and cardiac related emergencies. We also provide response and transport for the Town of Pownal, in which Pownal pays an annual fee for service. We also provide ambulance billing for Durham, Yarmouth, and North Yarmouth.



Incidents by Time of Day



Our office staff conducts our in-house billing and revenue collections, as well as those for the other Towns. We charge for our billing services to other Towns, which help to offset the costs of our office staff. Overall, the office bills for and collects over \$600,000 in revenue for Freeport, both emergency and NET services. This revenue goes to the replacement of our ambulances and CIP expenditures, as well as the general fund. Programs like this help to maintain a lower tax for our citizens.

Lastly, with the commercial growth of the community and large projects being developed, adequate staffing needs to be considered during these processes. Our current membership and staff conduct fire safety inspections of all commercial businesses that the public enter, schools, campgrounds, and motels/hotels. We also provide and maintain fire alarm protection services by hooking up commercial properties to the town firebox system to allow for a rapid notification to our dispatch center of a fire alarm (smoke or otherwise). Alarms from commercial businesses represent a large amount of our emergency responses resulting in some being true emergencies and other being faulty systems or false alarms. Increasing our commercial structures and businesses is only going to increase our emergency responses over the years as the Town grows and service demands are added.

As the Town of Freeport continues to grow, I want to assure all citizens that Freeport Fire Rescue intends to provide a high quality of services to our residents and visiting non-residents at all times. Our staff is here for you 24 hours a day, regardless of the "demands" on their time, for emergencies. Just bear in mind, that

as we grow our demands increase and our pool of members may decrease. This may lead to finding other ways to provide emergency services and higher costs of adequate staffing.

In closing, I would like to thank the members and their families for the outstanding services they give to this community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. I would also like to thank the Town Council and our citizens for their commitment to our Department and its members.



Paul Conley

Deputy Fire/Rescue Chief

public works

Public Works Construction Projects: Pleasant Hill Road Phase II was our major project for the year. We finished up rebuilding this road, installing drainage, driveway culverts, replacing guard rails, and hot toping the road, grading shoulders, and loam and seeding the drainage ditches. The 2.3 miles of Pleasant Hill road has been completed.

Morse Street School Project: The public works crew repaired an existing drainage pipe, and installed a new stormwater catch basin to resolve a drainage issue at the school. The department also rebuilt the sidewalk in front of the school.

Soule School Project: The department assisted the beautification committee in the South Freeport village, with brush and tree removal in the park area. The department added gravel and graded the parking lot. We also installed large rocks at the end of the parking lot, had a fence installed to define the parking lot and we built and installed a wooden walkway for the walking trail.

Patriots Day Storm: We had a major wind and rain storm which downed many trees through out the community, washed out some shoulders of roads, and damaged some of our drainage ways. We spent most of the spring cleaning up from this storm. Our major project was working with contractors we hired going on a town wide tree and brush cleanup. The crew did an excellent job.

Town Wide Projects: Stormwater catch basins and culvert replacements. The following is a list of the areas where we repaired and replaced culverts and catch basins. South Freeport Village Area, Park Street, Main Street, and Middle Street. Morse Street, Cushing Briggs Road, Sequoia Drive, Deerfield Road, Winslow Park, and Justins Way.

Pratt Street: We repaired sections of this road, ditched shoulders, and then we had our paving contractor pave the road.



James Plummer
Public Works Director

Maintenance Projects: In the spring of the year the department does a town wide street sweeping program. Striping crosswalks, parking areas and directional arrows, is also completed. The towns stormwater catch basins are cleaned by contractual services. We add gravel and shape our gravel roads starting in the spring of the year, and this is an ongoing project thought out the year.

Capital Equipment Purchased: We replaced our 1986 road grader with a new John Deere Grader.

Winter Season: We had 17 storms through out the Winter Season. Snow accumulation was 66 inches last season. Material: We used 1439 tons of salt, 1300 yards of sand, and 4195 gallons of liquid calcium. Winter seasons are becoming a mixture of freezing rain, snow and freezing rain, and just plain snow. Winter precipitation is always changing.

I would like to thank our public works crew, other town departments, the Town Council and the citizens of Freeport for their continued support to the Department.

Public Works Staff:

From left to right – Daniel Libby, Michael Mack, Richard Sylvian, David Wormwood, James Plummer, Richard Pierce, Jeff Goldrup, Robert Wood, David Osgood, Peter Milliken and Doug Moore



community library

Freeport Community Library serves the residents of Freeport and increasingly the residents of Pownal and Durham. We offer 42.5 hours of service each week reaching approximately 6000 patrons. We are increasingly serving as a resource for Freeport's six private schools. Almost 1000 children and adults hold non-resident library cards even though they live in other communities. We are glad to be able to offer our services to these out-of-town friends.

We have a sustaining collection of over 56,000 volumes including magazines, DVDs and videos, audiobooks, CD's and special collections on local history and sportsmen. Our audio/visual collection continues to be one of the best-used portions of our collection. We are particularly fortunate to have had a memorial donation in memory of Mary Pharris that added many audiobooks to our collection. Commuters and vacationing families rely on book tapes and CDs to make their trips more enjoyable. In addition, we provide state and federal income tax forms for the public as well as Internet access for patrons and visitors. Our wireless Internet service continues to bring in tourists and other business travelers who need to stay connected to their homes online.

In the Children's Room we continue to offer evening programs for families. This year, some of the programs included: Owls of Maine, Roger Richmond's 3-D Nature photography, and storyteller Tom McCabe. All these programs focus children on educational ideas that are augmented by our great children's collection and are funded through a generous donation from L.L. Bean. Our summer reading program this year was coordinated with a statewide program called "Get a Clue". As always many children participated and read scores of books over the summer.

This year we had Freeport residents volunteer over 200 hours here in the library in some capacity. We are very grateful for their help. If you are interested in joining them, please inquire at the front desk.



Gifts: The Freeport Community Library welcomes all gifts that enhance the Library's collection or assist the Library in carrying out its mission. Gifts will be used to enable the Library to provide and improve services and facilities in areas that are not possible within the annual operating budget appropriated by the Town and taxpaying residents of Freeport. Restricted gifts will be welcomed as long as they are consistent with Library objectives. The Library Director has full authority to make final decisions regarding specific acquisitions of materials, equipment and programs.

Memorial Gifts may be made in honor of a loved one or friend as a lasting tribute. These gifts may designate a specific program or project, may be unrestricted. For further information, contact the Library staff.

Gifts by Bequest and Planned Giving offer you the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the ongoing support of the Library's mission in the Freeport community. With some planning a gift to the Library can benefit both the Library and create tax advantages for the donor. For further information, contact the Library Director at 865-3307.



Beth Edmonds

Library Director

Library Staff:

Front Row – Sharon Davis, Elaine Schmidt & Beth Edmonds

Back Row – Belinda Stewart, Vicki Lowe, Kay Haines, Holly Elliot & Joanne Libby

winslow park

"Camp Seaside" got off to a big start in early July. This program sponsored by Freeport Community Education provides a day camp experience at Winslow Park for Freeport children ranging in age from 7 to 10 years. Activities include arts and crafts, swimming, games, kayaking, weekly barbeques and sports.

This season, Winslow Park sponsored its sixth concert series on Thursday evenings during July and August. The series featured local bands and entertainment including "Jimmy & the Soul Cats", "Cul de Sax", "Cool Water", "Zulu Leprechauns", "Hello my Name Is," "The Boneheads" and "Little Tonto". The concerts were attended by campers as well as day users.



Park usage was demonstrated in the sale of Family Fun Day passes. During the season 392 passes were sold with 285 of the passes issued to Freeport residents. Overall, it is estimated that over 42,000 day users visited Winslow Park. Campsite occupancy during the season was 55% with weekend occupancy during July and August at 100%. Harb Cottage, as usual, was rented every week of the summer season. Some 224 families participated in the lottery to determine which families would rent the cottage for the 19 weeks it was available. In addition, the Winslow Park Commission donated one week's use of Harb Cottage to Freeport Community Services for auctioning off as a fundraiser.

During August and September, the Park hosted many events including weddings, family reunions, and company picnics. On September 15th Winslow Park was host to the Lobsterman Triathlon. The event attracted over 600 athletes and many spectators.

During the fall and winter months, Winslow Park's playground and hiking and jogging trails were utilized by fitness and outdoor enthusiasts, and, once the snow came, cross-country skiing was enjoyed by many. Freeport residents also used the

Park to exercise their pets, enjoy the great views and to partake of its' peace and tranquility. From November to May, Harb Cottage was rented by a local family.

In late April/early May, the Park's maintenance and gatehouse staff began preparations for the coming summer season with trail maintenance, clean-up, making ready the bathroom and shower facilities, installation of docks and floats and registering the seasonal and day campers.

During the Spring and Fall, the Park hosted several "fun runs" sponsored by Freeport Community Education for school-aged children. In late May, the Park's campground was opened to 30 seasonal campers and on Memorial Day weekend the campground officially opened.

The ninth annual Family Fun Day was held on June 16th. The day started off with 5k and 10k races sponsored by the Rotary Club. Following the races, free hot dogs and Ben & Jerry's ice cream were served. Lawn games, including three-legged races and egg throwing, were held for "children" of all ages. Many participated in the art projects program. Admission to the Park was free during the day.

Also during June, a breakfast for this years Freeport High School graduates was held. Several Freeport and other area schools held class day picnics at the Park during the last weeks of the school year. Also, during the camping season, two weeks, one in June and one in September, were set aside for Freeport residents to camp free at the Park. Over seventy campsites were used by Freeport residents during these two weeks.

The Winslow Park Commission and the Park staff want to thank the residents of Freeport and other communities for using Winslow Park and hope that your visit was an enjoyable experience. We look forward to serving you in the future.



Bart Carhart

Park Manager

economic development

The Freeport Economic Development Corporation ("FEDC") experienced a year of significant progress. Not only did the FEDC totally revise their web site www.freeportecon.com leading to increased visitation to more proactively address questions of potential businesses interested in locating in Freeport, we also recommended the approval of a Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") proposal to Freeport's Town Council for the most significant economic development project in years, the Freeport Village Station, and developed a new strategic vision for the organization.

A lot of energy was put into a reflective review by the FEDC Board of the organization's role and how to most effectively meet its goals. The Board recognized a need to be more representative of the community at large, including both commercial and residential interests as well as to be more visible and open. To that end, the following are the revised mission statement and goals for the FEDC:

Goals:

- Shape the future of Freeport by fostering the retention of current businesses and working to attract new, quality businesses that enhance the Town and expand tax revenues
- Diversify the economic growth of Freeport's commercial property tax base to achieve a more balanced tax structure to maintain and improve critical municipal and school services and facilities by continuing to develop the existing business base
- Strengthen the educational, cultural, recreational, health, safety, and community amenities and protect the authenticity of the Freeport community while driving economic vitality that results in a high quality of life for its residents
- Unify the business, municipal government and school communities around a common, shared vision that welcomes quality businesses and promotes the Town for the good of its fiscal structure and residents, resulting in a reputation as a supportive, business-friendly environment



Stephanie Slocum

Executive Director

OUR MISSION:

To partner with the community to promote sustainable economic growth that strengthens and diversifies the economic base and enhances the quality of life and unique character of Freeport.

Additional highlights of the year included:

- Acquisition and installation of traffic hazard light at Route One South and South Freeport Road
- Modifications that raised the minimum requirements of a Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") request to the Town from \$750,000 to \$2,000,000 and excludes personal property value from total sheltered value
- Signatures of all Board members on Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest policies
- Implementation of a project-approval criteria for all projects brought to the FEDC requesting support
- Improved image of Freeport as a business-friendly community offering a better opportunity for business diversity
- Support of geographic- and cluster-based business groupings that lead to implementation of grassroots business development strategies. (For example: the Destination Freeport movement among lodging establishments develops initiatives to bring overnight visitors to Freeport when vacancy rates are highest.)
- Obtained Town Council approval of Temporary Real Estate Sign Ordinance to eliminate unnecessary clutter around Town
- Continued implementation of the recommendations from the Vision 2010 Plan, e.g. parking structure and additional retail space in the village
- Regional economic development leadership

The FEDC is poised to proactively and positively contribute to the quality of life in Freeport for our business community as well as our residents.

solid waste/recycling

Recycling quantities at the Town's recycling trailer ("Silver Bullet") locations are shown in the accompanying table. Over 455 tons of materials were recycled at these silver bullet locations.

In addition to the "Silver Bullet" recycling, the Recycling Center accepted the following materials for recycling: paperboard, cardboard, metals (lawnmowers, car parts, appliances, etc.), yard waste (brush, grass clippings, leaves, etc.), construction and demolition waste (wood, asphalt shingles, sheetrock, etc.), and used motor oil and tires. These additional materials added over 1,335 tons to Freeport's recycling effort. Recycling and reuse saved an estimated \$118,000 in disposal fees.

Freeport residents also saved money by utilizing the Recycling Center's household garbage drop-off program. For 80 cents a bag (up to 30 lbs.), residents can bring household garbage to the Recycling Facility for disposal. The advantage of the program includes lower garbage costs and the ability to dispose of garbage and recycling items at the same time and place. During the year, resident brought over 317 tons of garbage to the drop-off.

In April, after the "Patriot's Day Storm", the Center accommodated, free of charge, the mass of trees and brush that was downed by the storm. The brush was chipped and utilized for landscape applications.

During June, a Spring Clean-Up was held. Freeport residents were allowed to dispose of one pickup size load of household items such as brush, construction and remodeling waste, appliances, and furniture free of charge. During the week long event, the Center served nearly 650 residents and received over 400 tons of materials.

Also during the year, the Recycling / Solid Waste Committee was active in efforts to educate the public on the benefits of recycling and reducing the amount of solid waste generated for disposal. These efforts included the sale of backyard composters at a reduced price and the printing and distribution of Tide Tables containing information about the Town's recycling program and the benefits of citizen participation.

SILVER BULLET RECYCLING

Location	Tons Recycled
Village Store	129
West Street	135
Doherty's Store	44
Recycling Center	143
Winslow Park (Seasonal)	4
Total Tons	455

your efforts benefit
the environment,
save natural
resources & reduce
disposal costs

Universal wastes are hazardous wastes that are widely generated and include batteries, TV and computer monitors, fluorescent lamps, and mercury thermometers that are banned from disposal in landfills or incinerators. For a fee, the Center accepts these materials for recycling. The Center also served as a regional universal waste receiving station by accepting such wastes from the Towns of Pownal, Durham, North Yarmouth and Yarmouth. During the year, the Center received over 5,887 feet of lamps, 9.5 tons of mercury containing items (e.g. thermostats thermometers, etc.) and 22.4 tons of computers and televisions.

During the year, the total amount of residential solid waste (i.e. household garbage) that was disposed of was reduced by 60 tons. This is a sign that recycling in Freeport is reducing the amount of solid waste requiring disposal.

The staff and members of the Recycling / Solid Waste Committee thank the citizens of Freeport for using the recycling facility at Hedgehog Mountain Road and convenient recycling sites around town. Your efforts benefit the environment, save natural resources and reduce disposal costs.

Bart Carhart

Recycling Director

From left:

Mike Pottle, Brian Rumary and Josh Harriman



town engineer

The Town Engineer provides a variety of engineering-related services to the Town. One of the primary responsibilities of the Town Engineer is to provide technical review and inspections of commercial projects for the Town Planner. Several fairly large projects were both reviewed and inspected over this past year. In addition, the Town Engineer provides staff support to the Traffic & Parking Committee, and works with the Public Works Department to implement public projects. He also provides assistance with environmental and other regulatory issues.

The Public Works Department performed the construction on a number of improvement projects throughout town. One of the smaller of these projects was the re-construction of the parking lot at the new Freeport Community Center on Depot Street. A project that was bid out to a local contractor by the Town Engineer was a culvert upgrade on Flying Point Road at the Little River. The additional culvert should prevent flooding at this location in the future.

The village sidewalk improvements for 2007 consisted of only two small projects, and one of these was delayed until after the end of the fiscal year. The one completed project, performed by the Public Works Department, was the reconstruction of the sidewalk on North Main Street between Maple Street and the Library.

A Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) project to resurface the pavement on Main Street between West Street and Mallett Drive, as well as on Mallett Drive and South Street, was delayed because of funding constraints at the Maine DOT. This paving project will hopefully be performed in early 2008.



Albert Presgraves

Town Engineer

Since 2002, the Town has been regulated by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under a municipal Stormwater Permit. In 2007, the Town continued to map our storm drain sewer system, as well as addressing other regulatory requirements. As part of this effort, the Town contributed to the development of a brochure about Yard-scaping, which is a combination of lawn care practices that reduce the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides that can contribute to surface water contamination. The Town was fortunate to have a group of resident volunteers who distributed these brochures and related information during the Spring Clean-up event at the Recycling Center.

The increasing cost of energy has led to an increased understanding of the associated environmental impacts of energy use. A Municipal Building Energy Policy was developed by the Town Engineer and adopted by the Town Council. Based on this policy, a number of improvements were made to the heating control systems at the Public Safety Building and the Community Library. In addition, the garage bay lights at both the Public Safety Building and the Public Works Garage were replaced with high efficiency fluorescent fixtures, with grant assistance from the Efficiency Maine program. These two projects are expected to save the Town about \$4,400 per year, and will reduce the amount of carbon dioxide emissions from the generation of this electricity that will no longer be used.

The Traffic and Parking Committee discussed a number of traffic and safety issues, giving guidance to the consultant that produced the "Parking Study for Village Employees and South Freeport Harbor Area." This study led to the formation of a separate committee that worked on potential solutions to parking issues in South Freeport during the summer. The Committee also discussed the issue of RV parking in the village area, and recommended the installation of a flashing traffic light at South Freeport Road and Route 1. Among other items discussed by the Committee, there were several requests related to traffic control and trailblazing signs.

I want to thank the members of the Traffic and Parking Committee, Freeport citizens, and all the Town employees who make my job so enjoyable.

harbormaster

It has been my pleasure to serve as Harbormaster for the Town of Freeport. As Harbormaster this office deals with a wide range of water front issues.

We assist boats adrift, aground, hit by lightning, engine failure, afire, accidents, overdue, lost in the fog, stolen, sinking, sunk on the mooring, terminated for lack of safety equipment, separated boats hitting each other while on their moorings due to weather and tide conditions, jet skis, kayaks, canoeists, water skiers, waterfowl, marine mammals, people in the water, animals in the water, medical aide, ice breaking, commercial marine salvage assistance, flare sightings, launching and hauling boats at Dunnings boat yard ramp. Enforcement of speed and no wake zone and the tie up limits on town floats. Investigated oil spills, vandalism, and lost and found boats. Patrols by boat for the Lobstermen's Triathlon and the Town of Yarmouth's Clam Festivals canoe race.

We also assist the Freeport Shellfish Warden, US Coast Guard, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Marine Resources, Food Drug Administration, Forest Service, Marine Mammal Lifeline, Maine Marine Patrol, and Aquaculture Ventures, Freeport Shellfish Commission, Freeport's Islands and the Towns in and around Casco Bay.

Assist with water sampling of Freeport's Coastal Waters, and help monitored Shellfish protection areas. Provide boaters with a packet explaining to them that the Harraseeket River is a Shellfish Protection Zone and boat owners must have their overboard discharge system on board their boat closed and locked to prevent any accidental discharge. Casco Bay is now designated as a no discharge zone for a marine sanitation device aboard boats set by the DEP.

The Harbormaster attends the State of Maine Harbormasters Association Training Session in association with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, a Search and Rescue Forum and Maritime Security training put on by the USCG.

The Coastal Waters Commission has been very busy with waterfront issues, Ordinance updates and changes and Wharfing out requests.



Jay Pinkham
Harbormaster

shellfish warden

According to the Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR), Freeport has the 3rd largest shellfish harvest in the State. Shellfish continues to be ranked 3rd in the state among all marine organisms harvested following salmon and lobster. In 2006 shellfish harvested statewide had an economic value of \$13,166,097. The shellfish industry continues to be a vital yet fragile industry.

In a joint effort, the Shellfish Warden, Maine DMR, the Harbormaster and the Shellfish Commission maintain a year round water quality monitoring schedule of all tidal areas in the Town of Freeport. The water quality in the majority of areas continues to test very well. Many thanks to the Freeport Harbormaster and the staff of the Freeport Sewer District for their continued work with the Shellfish Commission to maintain and manage as many open flats as possible.

This past year two new legislative bills were passed that directly affect the shellfish industry in a most positive way. House Bill 403 and H.B. 1318 were passed in the last legislative session. Our thanks to Senator Beth Edmonds and Representative David Webster for their tireless efforts in getting this accomplished.

To ensure the health of the clam flats in the Harraseeket River, it has been designated as a "no discharge" zone for all boats. Because of potential pollution from boats with marine sanitation devices the Maine DMR has placed a closure on the marina area during peak boating season, May 1st to Dec. 1st of each year.



Tom Kay
Shellfish Warden

The Shellfish commission, along with the Harbormaster and local boatyards continue to educate boaters on the effects of overboard discharge and pump out sites available along the river. Local boaters are surveyed on an annual basis about boat usage and discharge systems.

Access to the flats is limited
and without the cooperation of private
land owners and businesses access would
be much more difficult. On behalf of the
commercial and recreational harvesters,
I extend thanks and appreciation to all
those who have been kind enough to
allow access through their property.

There are many variables that influence the ability to maintain open harvesting and a healthy environment for the shellfish. These variables are monitored on a daily basis. To advise harvesters of current conditions, the State and the Town of Freeport have each established hotlines to advise the condition of the clam flats. Please use this resource before going out to harvest. If anyone has any questions please feel free to call **1-800-232-4733**.

bustins island



Bustins Island reports that in the summer of 2007 major work was done on island roads to repair damage and improve drainage. Site preparation of a new Transfer Station was completed, and we are awaiting final permitting from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Community House got a new roof as well as some paint and porch reinforcements, and repairs to the Steamer Dock are underway.

In October the Superintendent closed the Island for the season by hauling and storing the Public Float and putting away the fire engines, tractor, and island pickup trucks for the winter. The Island Ferry, the Lilly B., completed another safe season. We greatly appreciate the efforts of the South Freeport Parking Study Committee to address the need for parking for all who use and enjoy the harbor.

In July, a late-night fire broke out and quickly burned a 1903 cottage to the ground. Fortunately everyone inside got out safely. It was the first fire on Bustins in nearly fifty years. Due to the combination of a sodden island from a week of rain, a damp and still night, the Bustins Volunteer Fire Department doing their work, and the arrival of help from Freeport and Yarmouth Fire Departments, the fire did not spread. We are most grateful to the Freeport Fire Department for their advice in firefighting training over the years and for their invaluable expertise that night. Working to upgrade and improve our firefighting capabilities continues to be a priority.

We value our partnership with the Town of Freeport and the work of various Freeport boards and officials in supporting and assisting Bustins in the ongoing work of coordinating our joint and separate activities.

Pat LaFleur

Vice-chair, Board of Overseers

housing trust

Freeport Housing Trust:

Providing affordable housing for Freeport families

The Freeport Housing Trust (FHT) is a community-based nonprofit corporation whose mission is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities for the lower and moderate income households of Freeport. Freeport Housing Trust now owns 124 units of affordable rental housing. An additional 60 mobile home sites at Wardtown Park makes a total of 184 housing units taken out of the speculative housing market, and made available at affordable rates.

Anyone in need of an affordable rental should contact Preservation Management at 865-9517.

John Egan

President

2007 ACTIVITIES

Maplewood Terrace Improvements

During 2007 FHT completed over \$200,000 in renovations to our Maplewood Terrace property on Lower Main Street. The work included replacing kitchens and bathrooms that dated from 1971, as well as repairs and painting of the exterior. This property is a mixed-income rental community and the renovations will make it an attractive and affordably priced housing option for many years to come.

Mobile Home Repair and Replacement Program

Freeport Housing Trust worked with the Town to successfully apply for a grant through the Cumberland County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. A grant of \$31,544 was awarded to repair and/or replace substandard mobile homes for households with income below 80% of area median. Given the limited funds, it was determined that priority should be given to households below 50% of median income with an elderly or disabled member. FHT has worked closely with Towns General Assistant Administrator, Johanna Hanselman, to find families in need of housing assistance and to administer the grant. Since the Peoples Regional Opportunity Program from Portland already has a housing repair and replacement program in operation, the Town has contracted with them to do the work of inspecting homes and getting bids from contractors. PROP's access to funds from several other sources will allow the program to serve as many as five households with a total of \$200,000. At the close of the year, applications were being reviewed and five will be submitted to PROP to be inspected and processed. It is anticipated that as many as four of these household will be living in new replacement mobile homes during Fiscal Year 2008.

Timber Ridge Condominiums

In 2006 Freeport Housing Trust acquired an 8-unit rental property in the process of being converted to condominiums. Timber Ridge Condominiums are located on Rt. 125 just over the line in Durham, but the property has often provided housing for people working in Freeport. The slow housing market in 2007 has made re-selling these units a slow process. Two market-rate units are still available, priced at \$127,900. One unit is still available to households with incomes below 80% of median (\$43,520). FHT will provide a \$30,000 subsidy making the effective price \$100,000. Total housing costs would be less than \$900 per month, which is more than many households pay for rent. FHT's involvement in Timber Ridge follows the same model used to make 5 units at Griffin's Woods affordable.

\$550,000 gift turned into \$8 million in housing

Freeport Housing Trust has successfully utilized loan and grant funds available to nonprofit housing groups to leverage Pritham Singh's initial gift of \$550,000 to purchase and/or develop a total of \$8 million worth of affordable housing properties. None of these properties will ever fall into the hands of absentee speculators. They will be perpetually maintained as an important asset to the Freeport community. Even though we are tax-exempt, FHT pays the Town over \$88,000 annually in real estate taxes on its properties.

public schools

Looking at the year in review is a pleasure because it gives us the chance, once again, to realize the positive learning opportunities we have provided for our students as well as the growth of the entire school system.

In keeping with the Mission of the Freeport Public Schools "to assure high quality learning for all students" the following annual goals focused our work:

DISTRICT STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN GOALS 2006-2007

- To increase communication and partnerships with Town Council and community members.
 - Implement communication plan
 - Create a more positive virtual image
- To align all curriculum areas with state and local standards, instructional practices and assessments.
 - To ensure ELA and Math curricula are completed (aligned with revised standards to inform instructional practices K-12)
- Flexible teaching and learning strategies will be used to support high achievement of all students.
 - To examine assessment data to improve student learning.
- To create systems to ensure effective use of student achievement data to address expectations of Maine Learning Results and the No Child Left Behind Act.
 - Use a structured approach to collection, analysis, application of data to improve student learning
- All staff will participate in a coordinated system of quality staff development aligned with the goals of the district and needs of their specific assignment.
 - A district wide framework for professional development will be designed with a focus on teaching and learning
- To use technology effectively to support students, staff and community learning.
 - K-5 teachers will be proficient in laptop use
 - Teachers will access data online
 - The student assessment data will be accessible via PowerSchool

For a look at the complete plan and process please visit our website,
www.freeportpublicschools.org



Elaine M. Tomaszewski
Superintendent of Schools

We are pleased with our continued work to align curriculum. Our focus on Math and English Language Arts continues but all subject areas have been "mapped" as a first step. As work is completed it is available in electronic format. Use of the NWEA assessment allows staff and parents to use data see how students are doing and to improve practices.

Technology progress continues. We are sharing in the extension of the state laptop program. In June of this year we learned all of our high school teachers and administrators would receive new laptops, allowing us to redeploy existing machines where they are needed. The district web site was redesigned for ease of navigation which has resulted in increased use.

Also on the technology front, the School and Community Librarians have implemented InfoCentre software. This allows student and citizen use of community resources through web-based access to all library collections.

We are fully involved in the "Let's Go" Demonstration Project. The goal of the program is to help schools promote lifelong habits of healthy living, paying special attention to healthy eating and physical activity, knowing this provides the foundation for success in all areas.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS 2006-2007

- To develop a strategy to engage the community in long range planning for the Freeport Public Schools.
- To seek and develop ways to achieve more balanced and responsive course catalogs across the system.
- To strengthen the coordination of curricula across grade levels.
- To promote optimum student teacher ratios and teaching loads consistent with quality education.

community services

In the area of facilities we completed seven Capital Improvement projects ranging from roofs to paving. This continues to protect the significant taxpayer investment in our physical plant through a combined plan of regular and preventive maintenance. We are pleased and grateful the citizens of Freeport passed two bond projects in June with overwhelming support. This will allow us to replace a 1961 boiler at the high school with a state of the art model and replace the individual ventilator units in classrooms. The second project is a system-wide lighting upgrade which will improve the atmosphere in classrooms and save significantly on energy use and cost.

We are proud our students continue to perform at high levels. Freeport students outscored others on the state and national level as measured by the SAT. 86% of the class of 2007 was accepted to and has enrolled in post secondary schools. Our high school graduation rate of 93% also exceeds the state average.

Our students receive numerous awards in Academics, Athletics, and the Arts on an annual basis. Please log on to the individual school websites to view the many impressive accomplishments.

The students of Freeport continue to receive a high quality education in an inclusive setting aided by our supportive community. We thank our fine staff for the high level of expertise, energy and commitment displayed on a regular basis. We extend appreciation to the many people- parents, volunteers and staff- who together make our schools a wonderful learning environment.

2007 has been a terrific year for Freeport Community Services (FCS). Having moved into the Community Center, we opened both the Food Pantry and Clothes Tree in their new spaces and both blossomed, catering in their own way, to the residents of this community. Sales at the Clothes Tree have doubled and the patrons of the pantry are able to receive refrigerated and frozen goods now, as a result of the donated walk-in freezer and cooler.

FCS continues to scholarship children to camp, loan out medical equipment, and we provide information and referral services, transportation to medical appointments, heating/utility assistance, and financial assistance for crisis situations. Freeport Community Services is now responding to over 20,000 requests a year. FCS also manages the Community Center itself on behalf of all the tenants and the Town and we have re-instated the Family Life Support Group.

With all of this on our plate, we have hired additional staff to manage the Clothes Tree, recruit volunteers, clean and maintain the facility and oversee the building which is open seven days a week. We have worked closely with the Town on budgeting and now have over 200 volunteers helping with FCS programs and maintaining the building to whom we are very grateful.

Regarding managing the Center, FCS has continued to participate in the capital campaign and has overseen the change in its direction as the last dollars are raised. Additionally, we have overseen the Community Center Advisory Committee, tenant usage, the building, security, finances, rental of community rooms and common programs, such as movies, music at noon, holiday events, etc. In the first six months of being open, over 4000 people came through the doors for various events ranging from Portland Symphony Kinderconcerts to business conventions. And of course people are always happily enjoying coffee in the Top Spot Café and working on their lap tops.

FCS continues to collaborate with many organizations to accomplish all of its work. The Town of Freeport, Freeport Schools, Freeport Community Education, Cricket Hunt School, Freeport's General Assistance, Freeport's Recycling Center, Freeport's Fire/Rescue and Police Departments, Rotary, Freeport Merchants Association, Pownal's General Assistance, many local merchants and restaurant owners, many social service organizations, many churches, Freeport Elders Association, Rotary, Lions and Lionesses, United Way of Greater Portland, the Casco Bay YMCA, Freeport Community Players, US Post Office, Freeport Rotary, and The Boy and Girl Scouts are among the many who offered their generous help and support.



Leslie A. Livingston
Executive Director

recreation & community education

ADULT EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

Adult Education classes provide a variety of programs for the enrichment of Freeport's adult residents. Classes provide lifelong opportunities for new skills, vocational training, health, fitness and other quality enrichment pursuits. During the past year, the adult education program successfully ran over 100 classes and programs with a total enrollment of over 850 participants.

Some of the more popular programs include: Yoga, Driver Education, Ballroom Dancing and Quilting

If you or someone you know has a special talent, skill, or interest to share, please contact us for a course proposal form. Your interests matter to us.

Freeport Recreation and Community Education (FRCE) continues to offer GED and English Speakers of Other Languages programs. Adult opportunities in the areas of literacy, English language and high school education are offered free of charge and are supported by local, State and Federal tax dollars.

RECREATION

The Recreation Division provides diverse programs and activities for Freeport's youth that build self-esteem, decrease boredom and offers healthy life choices. This past year a total of 125 youth recreation programs with enrollment of over 2,500 participants were offered by FRCE.

The department showed continued healthy enrollment in the ever-popular annual youth programs such as: Summer Day Camps, Harraseeket Harriers Running Programs, Soccer, and the various enrichment programs.

LAUGH AND LEARN DAY CARE

2006/2007 marked the 7th year for our child-care program. FRCE offers nursery school and before or after school care options for Freeport residents. The programs, run at both the Morse Street and Mast Landing Schools, continue to show steady enrollment and provide quality care for its participants. During the past year, 92 families representing 111 children were enrolled in this program.

SPECIAL EVENTS

FRCE sponsors a number of annual town-wide events. FRCE is a proud sponsor of the Great Osprey Bike Challenge and 10K Ocean Run. These popular events generate much needed scholarship revenue that assists FRCE in providing the opportunity for all Freeport residents to participate in community programs. Last year the bike race attracted 34 cycling enthusiasts, while the road race saw 278 entrants. In addition, the annual Father Daughter Cotillion continues to be one of FRCE's most popular programs.

Information about FRCE, and our programming, can be found on the web at www.fce-online.com

I would like to thank the FRCE staff for their hard work and dedication.

Russell Packett, CPRP
Director



Freeport Recreation & Community Education is dedicated to developing and maintaining a balanced program for all segments of the community in the areas of education, recreation, cultural and civic affairs, based on the identified needs of the community.

FREEPORT RECREATION & COMMUNITY EDUCATION STAFF

Russell Packett, CPRP, Director
Anthony Johnson, Recreation Coordinator
Liz Burt, Adult Education Coordinator and Administrative Secretary
Bambi Ulrickson, Child Care Coordinator
Katie West, Teen Center Director
Rachel Mills, Administrative Secretary
Andrea Conner, Bookkeeping/Facility Scheduler

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VACANCY	Jul-08
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Shannon Garrity	Jul-09
Steven Bradbury	Jul-09
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John Arsenault, Chair	Nov-07
Charlotte Bishop	Nov-07
Joseph Migliaccio	Nov-07

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Michael Healy, Chair	Aug-08
Charles Swanson	Aug-07
David Suhr	Aug-08
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Roy Pierce	Aug-09

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Bill Ross	Oct-07
Mitch Mitchell	Oct-07
Edward Bonney	Oct-08
Tom McBrierty	Oct-08
VACANCY	Oct-09
Sean Crean, School Board liaison	Oct-07
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Pat McCormick, Gen'l. Manager, Comcast	

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Council Liaison – John Arsenault	

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Diane Jellis	Apr-08
Dennis Collins	Apr-09
Jennifer Cassidy	Apr-09
Scott Gleeson	Apr-10
Ronald DuPuis, Jr.	Apr-10
STAFF PERSON: Jay Pinkham	

COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dana Anderson	Indefinite
Jim Lincoln	Indefinite
Katie West	Indefinite
Matt Hurd	Indefinite
Pat Guild	Indefinite
Elaine Wilmot	Indefinite
Julie Fraser	Indefinite
Elizabeth Guffey	Indefinite
James Cassida	Indefinite
Leslie Livingston	Indefinite

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Chris Grimm	Jul-07
Dan Walker	Jul-08
Gene Boyington	Jul-08
Suzanne Umland	Jul-08
Gino Giumarro	Jul-09
Ethel Wilkerson	Jul-09
Rick White, Council Liaison	Nov-07

FREEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Executive Director – Stephanie Slocum	
John Arsenault, Pres.	June 08
Wendy Caisse, V. P.	June 09
Candace Rinaldi, Treas.	June 09
Jeff Zachau	June 07
Kate Arno	June 09
VACANCY	June 07
Peter Troast	June 07
Elizabeth Ruff	June 08
Ken Kacere	June 08
Rodney Gray	June 08
George Denney	June 09
Adam Nappi	June 09
Mark Malone	June 09

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Tom Whelan, Treasurer	
Tom Kelley, Clerk	
Maryellen Carew	
Joe Burke	
Jeff Stenzel	
Chris Roney, FAME	
Jim Hatch, Consultant	

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Beth Edmonds, Head Librarian	
Vicki Lowe, Assistant Librarian	
Arlene Arris	
Holly Elliot	
Sharon Davis	
Elaine Schmidt	

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Ed Boutin	Apr-08
John Creasy	Apr-09
Jane Danielson	Apr-09
Robert Lezer	Apr-10
Shari Broder	Apr-10
VACANCY	Apr-10
STAFF PERSON: Beth Edmonds	

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John Arsenault	Nov-07

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Genie Beaulieu	Nov-07

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boards & committees

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Susan Collins	Nov-07
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Brian Berkemeyer	Nov-09
John Dyer	Nov-09
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Brendon Alterio	Nov-09

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Al Presgraves, Town Engineer
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Rod Regier	Dec-07
Andrew Manning	Dec-08
Chris Parker	Dec-08
Richard DeGrandpre, Councilor, Vice Chair	Nov-07
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Marge Migliaccio
Rod Regier
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Tom Crikelair Assoc.
Dale Olmstead, Town Manager
Donna Larson, Town Planner
Dick Collins, Freeport Merchants' Assoc.

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Maryann Schwanda	Nov-09

SOUTH FREEPORT WATER DISTRICT TRUSTEES

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Diane Lukac	Indef.
Lawrence E. Welsher	Indef.
Melanie Ferrucci, Secretary	Indef.

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Carla Dupuis	Mar-08
Lynn Glover	Mar-09
Wayne Hollingworth	Mar-09
Council Liaison – Rick White	Nov-07
STAFF PERSON: Bart Carhart	

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Beth Parker	Nov-08
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Susan Martling	Nov-09
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Elaine Tomaszewski	

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To the People of Freeport:

It continues to be my honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative in Augusta. When the 123rd Maine Legislature again convenes in January for our second session of the two year term, we will have a great deal of work to do in three short months:

- We will continue to manage the ongoing budget constraints.
- Improve upon the challenges imposed on us by school consolidation, to ensure quality education and tax fairness.
- Continue to work to make health care more affordable for all Maine citizens.
- Increase access to higher education to give students greater opportunity.
- Continue to explore how to improve our antiquated and burdensome tax structure to help working families and small businesses of Maine.

I continue to work to improve small business and Creative Economy opportunities in Freeport and Pownal. In addition, I am working for CLEAN WATER! (As my friends at *Maine Clammers Association* and the aquaculture industry can be heard to shout from the mudflats and waters that are the workplace of these hardworking taxpayers, families and small businesses). I continue to grow in my understanding that our shellfish industry and our lobster fisheries are some of the important "canaries in the coal mine," of our total environmental resource. We must do better.

We have our work cut out for us as we finish our legislative year. I hope you'll continue to offer your thoughts to me as I consider legislation that will benefit our area.

I currently serve on the budget crafting Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, which requires a year round focus on our efforts to cut spending where appropriate while ensuring a strong quality of life for working families.

As the State Representative for both Freeport and Pownal, I will also continue to work closely with our school committees and others to assure the best for our children under the proposals for administrative school consolidation, as well as the myriad other issues of importance to our community.

My job in Augusta is to represent you; I often say my role is to be a conduit for your views; not to be a filter. I hope you will take a few moments to contact me and share your opinions and suggestions with me so I can share them with my colleagues in Augusta. You can reach me by e-mail at RepDavid.Webster@Legislature.Maine.gov, or call me at home at 865-4311. You can learn more about what I have been doing by visiting my Web site:
www.housedemocrats.maine.gov/housedems/dwebster.

If you want to receive periodic (not too often) updates, send me your email address.
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully,

Rep. David Webster

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

In the first year of the 123rd Legislative Session as your Senate President, I worked to forge bipartisan agreements to build a better future for Maine people. A major part of this year's work was the State budget that answered the call for more efficient government, quality education and the improvement of Maine's quality of life. The largest portion of the \$6.3 billion budget is nearly \$2 billion for State subsidy to local schools. Approximately \$553 million is invested in higher education. The budget also includes \$1.2 billion for health care for Maine's poor families and the elderly.

This coming Session, the Legislature will work for policies to strengthen Maine's economy and develop our energy independence. We will continue to strive to manage costs and streamline government. Finally, I am optimistic that we will fulfill our pledge of state funding for 55% of local education costs as we conclude the Session in April 2008.

A special note. Many Maine residents are eligible to apply for the Maine Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, otherwise known as "Circuit Breaker." Under the plan, eligible Maine residents can receive a partial refund of property taxes or rent paid on their primary residence. Freeport residents are eligible for refunds as high as \$2,000. For information on how to apply, call my office in Augusta at 287-1500 for an application or visit www.president.maine.gov and go to the link for "Circuit Breaker".

In closing, this is my final term in the Senate and I look forward to accomplishing significant work for the people of Maine. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve you, the people of Freeport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth".

Beth Edmonds
President of the Senate

Audit for the Year Ending June 30, 2007

The following excerpts have been extracted from the 2007 financial statements of the Town of Freeport, Maine, a complete copy of which is available for inspection at the Town Office. The excerpts included herein are:

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Capital Project Funds:

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances- Individual Funds	Exhibit D-3
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Trust Funds:

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances- Individual Funds	Exhibit E-3
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As the management of the Town of Freeport, Maine, we are pleased to provide this Management Discussion and Analysis as part of our annual financial statements. We offer readers of the financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town of Freeport for the year ended June 30, 2007. It is the belief of management that all the information contained herein is accurate in all material respects and reflects fairly the financial position and operations of the Town. This Management Discussion and Analysis is designed to offer further explanation of the information contained herein. We encourage readers to consider the information that we have furnished in the Town's basic financial statements that follow this section.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town of Freeport's basic financial statements. The Town's financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The Table of Contents in the front section of the audit provides the specific pages where the various statements and exhibits can be found.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town of Freeport's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Town's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Town's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Town of Freeport that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (*business-type activities*). The Town currently reports the activities of the Nonemergency Transportation Program (NET Program) as a business-type activity. The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, public works, education, and community services.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Freeport, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

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Governmental funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the Town of Freeport's own programs.

Governmental Funds

For the reporting period, the Town had an increase in fund balance for total governmental funds (from statement 4) of approximately \$1,300,000. The General Fund's fund balance increased by approximately \$95,000. A large portion of the increase in fund balance was due to higher than expected General Fund revenues, which exceeded estimated revenues by approximately \$1,041,000. Revenue surpluses and unspent appropriations exceeded the planned use of fund balance for capital reserves of \$350,000, capital project authorizations of \$199,500 and the budget use of surplus to reduce the tax rate of \$385,000. Additionally, Town reserve funds were increased significantly from strong investment earnings and repayment of advances from the NET program and Community Center project. Other increases in various capital projects and several other non-major governmental funds also occurred.

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ENTITY WIDE CONDENSED PRESENTATION OF NET ASSETS

Net Assets over time will serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following information is condensed from Statement 1, Statement of Net Assets for Fiscal 2007. It distinguishes between capital and other assets, notes the Town's general liabilities and debt service, and shows the Town's net assets by restricted and unrestricted amounts. This information is for the Town's Governmental Activities and Business-type Activities as of June 30:

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7,659,155	5,656,144	-	-	7,659,155	5,656,144
Investments	9,553,133	10,626,094	-	-	9,553,133	10,626,094
Receivables	1,079,713	996,436	160,057	101,182	1,239,770	1,097,618
Internal balances	156,539	114,733	(156,539)	(114,733)	-	-
Inventory	50,916	39,257	-	-	50,916	39,257
Capital assets, net	32,168,399	31,591,821	18,115	32,677	32,186,514	31,624,498
Total assets	50,667,855	49,024,485	21,633	19,126	50,689,487	49,043,611
LIABILITIES						
Current liabilities	1,262,703	1,503,519	3,518	7,264	1,266,221	1,510,783
Noncurrent liabilities	13,088,655	14,613,241	-	-	13,088,655	14,613,241
Total liabilities	14,351,358	16,116,760	3,518	7,264	14,354,876	16,124,024
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	20,215,799	18,096,571	18,115	32,677	20,233,914	18,129,248
Restricted	2,857,667	2,780,781	-	-	2,857,667	2,780,781
Unrestricted	13,243,030	12,030,373	-	(20,815)	13,243,030	12,009,558
Total net assets	\$ 36,316,496	32,907,725	18,115	11,862	36,334,611	32,919,587

A large portion of the Town's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town investment in capital assets are reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the Town's net assets represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be expended. The remaining unrestricted balance of net assets may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to its citizens and creditors.

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ENTITY WIDE CONDENSED PRESENTATION OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Our next analysis focuses on changes in net assets of the Town's governmental and business type activities. Governmental activities increased the Town of Freeport's net assets by \$3,415,000 during the year ended June 30, 2007. The following analysis provides the key elements of the increases.

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	2007 Total Primary Government	2006 Total Primary Government
Program revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 2,386,666	505,441	2,892,107	2,795,386
Operating grants and contributions	4,336,840	-	4,336,840	3,846,441
Capital grants and contributions	752,756	-	752,756	625,372
General revenues:				
Property taxes	18,608,749	-	18,608,749	18,525,125
Motor vehicle excise taxes	1,400,073	-	1,400,073	1,365,683
Interest and lien costs	68,277	-	68,277	51,714
State Revenue Sharing	613,118	-	613,118	691,097
Homestead exemption	151,201	-	151,201	171,441
Other State aid	85,235	-	85,235	47,882
Unrestricted investment earnings	1,111,190	-	1,111,190	805,092
Miscellaneous revenues	878,735	-	878,735	728,361
Total revenues	30,392,840	505,441	30,898,281	29,653,595
Program expenses:				
General government	1,565,930	-	1,565,930	1,528,013
Public safety	2,643,358	332,733	2,976,091	2,765,798
Public works	2,765,706	-	2,765,706	2,138,149
Community services	892,341	-	892,341	811,668
Education	16,117,641	-	16,117,641	15,758,120
County tax	751,831	-	751,831	736,850
Unclassified	1,511,850	-	1,511,850	1,649,364
Interest on debt	838,927	-	838,927	927,692
Capital maintenance expenses	62,940	-	62,940	151,160
Total expenses	27,150,524	332,733	27,483,257	26,466,814
Change in net assets	3,242,316	172,708	3,415,024	3,186,780
Transfers	166,455	(166,455)	-	-
Net assets – beginning	32,907,725	11,862	32,919,587	29,732,807
Net assets – ending	\$ 36,316,496	18,115	36,334,611	32,919,587

It should be noted that this presentation is prepared on an entity wide condensed net assets presentation and not prepared on a basis consistent with the budget. A detailed budgetary presentation can be found in the basic financial statements in Exhibit A-2.

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ANALYSIS OF TOWN POSITION AND OPERATIONS –GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETARY BASIS

In Freeport, the Town has managed over the past several years to build its general fund undesignated fund balance (the equivalent of a savings account) to \$3.46 million. The Town Council established a figure of \$2 million (one twelfth of the annual budget) as a minimum level of fund balance to maintain. Under the Town's fund balance policy, amounts in excess of one twelfth of the annual budget can be used to set aside additional reserves for capital needs, used to reduce property taxes for subsequent years' budgets or be used for immediate operational or capital needs. The Town Council modified its fund balance policy four years ago, establishing a Tax Rate Stabilization Account. The Council funded the stabilization account, each of the first three years for a total of \$1 million. No additional funding was provided during FY 2007 and the account remained at \$1 million at June 30, 2007. During periods of low new valuation or extraordinary unpredicted increases in costs, up to fifty (50) percent of the Tax Rate Stabilization Account may be used annually to offset the municipal tax rate.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the Town managed to increase its total fund balance once again. General fund undesignated fund balance maintained its current strong position increasing by approximately \$200,000 for a total 3.46 million while increasing its funding for the subsequent years budget (designated fund balance) by \$180,000. In addition, over the years, the Town has established various capital and other reserves. For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Town's reserves increased by \$635,000 as a result of strong investment returns and repayments from the NET program of \$166,000 and Community Center donations of \$187,000. The Town anticipates donations for the community center will be collected over the next five years replenishing an advance in FY 2006 of \$800,000 from the reserves. At June 30, 2007, the Town's reserved funds totaled \$5.11 million compared to the prior years \$4.64 million while School Capital reserves decreased slightly to a balance of approximately \$179,000. The Town annually will fund various capital projects from reserves, appropriations from the general fund and from bond authorizations. This year unspent capital projects increased by approximately \$131,000, for a balance of \$2.62 million at June 30, 2007.

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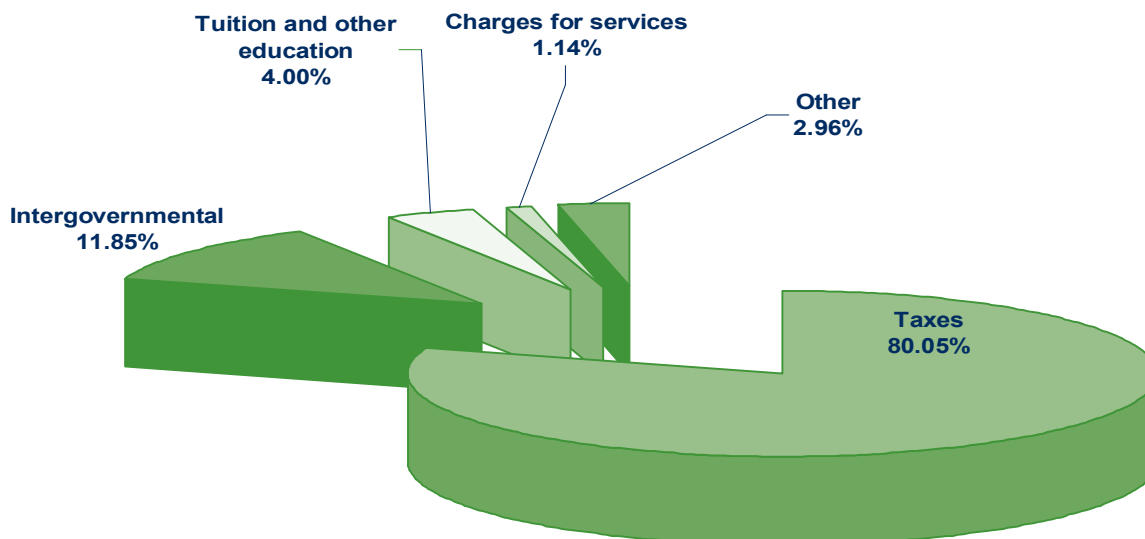
General Fund Revenues Budget to Actual Summary

For FY 07, revenues exceeded estimated revenues by approximately \$1,041,000. The major reasons were a large overlay, \$310,000, as a result of final valuation numbers coming in greater than expected, strong vehicle excise tax collections with collections exceeding budget by \$163,000 and much higher investment earnings due to improved interest rates resulting in earnings exceeding estimates by approximately \$266,000. For FY 2007, \$385,000 was budgeted from the fund balance to reduce property taxes. The property tax collection rate for the year decreased slightly to 96.30% from the previous year's collection rate of 96.45%.

General Fund Revenues Budget to Actual Summary

	Budget	Actual	Variance
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 18,712,760	19,278,273	565,513
Licenses and permits	218,200	238,953	20,753
Intergovernmental	2,856,067	2,853,242	(2,825)
Tuition and other charges for services – education	839,917	963,965	124,048
Charges for services	218,500	274,051	55,551
Fees and fines	54,500	61,630	7,130
Unclassified	11,650	16,897	5,247
Investment earnings	130,000	395,846	265,846
Total revenues	\$ 23,041,594	24,082,857	1,041,263

Revenue Sources 2007



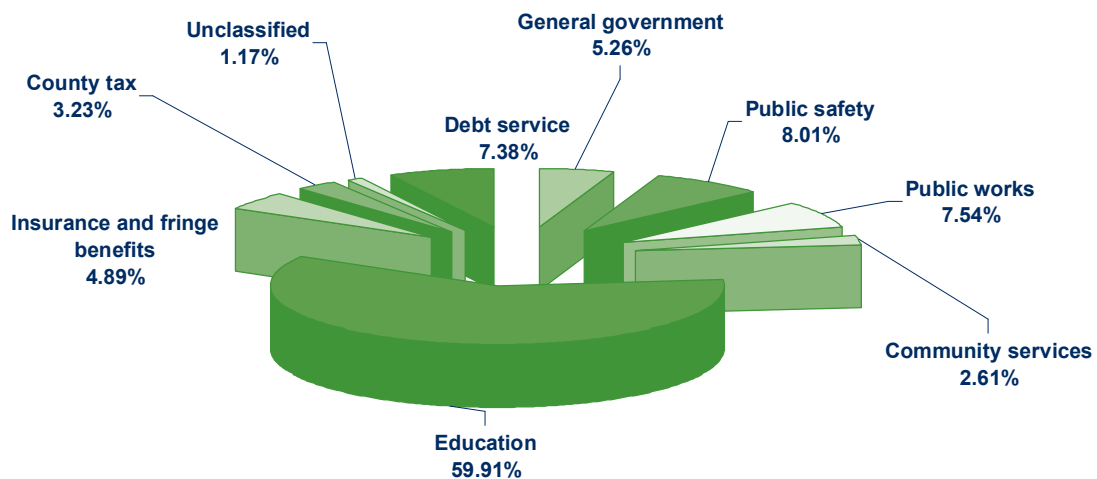
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General Fund Expenditures Budget to Actual Summary

General Fund expenditure budgets are approved by the Town Council at the departmental level, with charter budgetary limits at the function level. Expenditures were less than appropriations throughout the budget resulting in approximately \$323,000 of savings. A few departments exceeded their authorized level by small amounts which were approved by management. A negative variance is noted in education due to higher than expected community education program expenditures as a result of higher than budgeted program revenues which offset the expenditures. All charter function levels were significantly within budget limits. The following summarizes the Town of Freeport's General Fund budgeted appropriations to actual by function for the year ended June 30, 2007 (see Exhibit A-2 for a more detailed presentation):

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Expenditures:			
General government	\$ 1,280,151	1,222,866	57,285
Public safety	1,889,495	1,863,228	26,267
Public works	1,817,588	1,754,769	62,819
Community services	627,745	606,852	20,893
Education	13,918,981	13,935,271	(16,290)
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,260,800	1,136,406	124,394
County tax	751,831	751,831	-
Unclassified	276,500	272,256	4,244
Debt service	1,758,930	1,715,489	43,441
Total expenditures	\$ 23,582,021	23,258,969	323,052

Expenditure Components 2007



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SUMMARY OF CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

CAPITAL ASSETS

The Town has developed and maintained a five-year and a twenty-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for over twenty years. This plan is updated annually as part of the budget cycle and is for equipment, vehicle, building and Town wide infrastructure needs. Additionally, the Town has a street paving account in the Public Works' budget for ongoing street paving.

The Town's 2007 capital budget that was approved in April of 2007 included the following:

	2007 Funding Source				
	Council			Fund	
	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Bond</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>TIF</u>
School	894,500	200,000	655,000	39,500	
Fire	464,000	464,000	-		
Rescue	157,000	157,000			
Public Works	143,500	143,500			
Solid Waste	10,000	10,000			
Comprehensive Town Imp.	625,000	465,000		160,000	
Municipal Facilities	20,000	20,000			
TIF	126,200	-			126,200
Cable	30,000	30,000			
Other	25,000	25,000			
Total 2007	2,495,200	1,514,500	655,000	199,500	126,200

The Town Council placed two items out for voter approval totaling \$655,000 which were both strongly approved for bonding in June 2007.

A summary of the Town's capital assets at June 30, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

General fixed assets:	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Land	\$1,850,869	1,850,869
Land improvements	1,380,566	1,257,016
Buildings and improvements	29,358,925	26,760,292
Machinery, equipment and other	4,960,620	4,382,998
Vehicles	4,026,323	3,885,671
Infrastructure	6,236,343	6,219,683
Construction in process	459,198	1,862,817
Total governmental fund capital assets	\$48,272,844	46,219,346

As part of General Accounting Standards Board statement #34 reporting changes, prior year fixed asset totals have been restated to reflect infrastructure assets acquired between 1967 and 2001 at a cost of \$3,805,468 and accumulated depreciation of \$1,564,946 at June 30, 2006.

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LONG-TERM DEBT

The State allows municipalities to borrow up to 15% of their total valuation. Since the Town's State Valuation was \$1,429,300,000 for 2007, the debt limit would be over \$214,395,000. Our current debt is \$11,952,600, or less than 1% of State Valuation or approximately 5.58% of the Town's debt limit. Another measure of a municipalities debt load is debt per capita. As of June 30, 2007, the Town of Freeport's debt per capita was \$1,497 as compared to the prior year of \$1,687.

The following is a summary of bond and note transactions of the Town for the year ended June 30, 2007:

Bonds and notes payable at June 30, 2006	\$ 13,495,250
Principal additions	-
Principal payments	(1,542,650)

<u>Bonds and notes payable at June 30, 2007</u>	<u>\$ 11,952,600</u>
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ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Freeport and its vibrant downtown continue to experience economic growth from business development, considerable residential construction growth and stable employment levels. Both commercial and residential development in Freeport has increased considerably over the past several years. Last year the Town's largest employer, LL Bean, completed a 335,000 sq. ft. expansion at their Order Fulfillment Center on Desert Road. Additionally, the Town entered into a partnership with Berenson Associates and LL Bean for the development of a \$45 million parking garage and retail complex in the downtown village. The project will include a two-story 550 space parking structure topped with a third story with approximately 118,000 s.f. of retail space which will include state of the art retailers and restaurants. LL Bean has leased the land to Berenson Associates who will develop the project. The Town will provide assistance through a Tax Increment Financing District over the next 20 years with potential funding towards the garage portion of the project not to exceed \$17,500,000. Several other LL Bean projects have been recently approved, are currently under construction or have recently been completed. This includes the construction of a new maintenance facility, a new Hunting and Fishing Store, and a new 19,600 s.f. data center.

Other commercial proposals were significant, with development taking place in 2007 on US Route One. The types of commercial uses remained diverse and for many, construction has recently been completed. Three new office buildings have been constructed for a total of 15,000 sq. ft. of new office space. The uses will include a medical office, a plumbing/electrical company, and a testing laboratory. A new building containing 9,000 square feet of retail space has been constructed and will accommodate two retail tenants. A new 5,000 sq.ft. restaurant was constructed and opened this past spring. The Project Review Board has approved several single-family and condominium residential developments with over 100 new housing units being created in the last two years. The Project Review Board is currently reviewing two applications for retirement communities. Both communities will have a variety of housing types including independent living cottages, assisted living apartments and will have a lodge or community buildings to provide services to residents. Between the two developments, a total of 313 living units are proposed.

The Town of Freeport is within a 25 mile radius of the Brunswick U.S. Naval Air Station. The base is scheduled for closure in 2011 as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure decision. However, The Town anticipates fairly limited impact on its housing stock due to its close proximity to the City of Portland, its coastal location and availability of land which has made it very attractive to residential development for the Portland market. Freeport has seen substantial residential construction and anticipates a continuation of this trend for the near future.

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New Fiscal Year Budget

In adopting the budget for the ensuing fiscal year 2007, the Town officials considered many factors in making judgments and estimates about the finances for the upcoming year. A primary objective was to continue to provide basic town services to the citizens while attempting to keep the property tax rate low. For the new fiscal year (2007) the Town underwent a market update to its valuation of all real and personal property as of April 1st 2007. It had been several years since the last revaluation and the Town's valuation ratios were getting very low as compared to market for certain types of property and areas of the Town. Overall valuation increased by approximately 33% as a result of the market update.

The budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2007 was approved by the Town Council with a tax rate of 12.56 mils, for a slight increase over the prior years rate of 12.50 mils primarily the result of decreased State Education subsidies.

The following summarizes the major components of the FY 2008 and FY 2007 budgets:

	FY 2008 <u>Appropriation</u>	FY 2007 <u>Appropriation</u>	Increase (Decrease)
<u>REVENUES:</u>			
School	\$ 2,328,935	2,680,574	(351,639)
Town Non-Property Tax	3,403,545	3,282,937	120,608
Property Tax	17,769,909	17,430,260	339,649
Fund Balance	565,000	385,000	180,000
TOTALS	\$ 24,067,389	23,778,771	288,618
<u>EXPENDITURES:</u>			
Municipal	\$ 7,355,307	7,239,779	115,528
School	13,928,807	13,588,512	340,295
County Tax	761,800	751,831	9,969
Capital Reserves	75,000	75,000	-
Debt Services	1,946,475	2,123,649	(177,174)
TOTALS	\$ 24,067,389	23,778,771	288,618
Tax Mil Rate	12.56	12.50	.06
Increase in Tax Rate			.48 %

In terms of the future, while we are in good financial shape at this time, with revenues starting to level off, we need to be alert to the public benefit versus the costs of the services we provide. We need to be careful of our spending so that we do not find ourselves in the position of expenditures outpacing revenues.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Freeport's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Finance Director, Town of Freeport, 30 Main Street, Freeport, Maine 04032.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale C. Olmstead Jr.
Town Manager

Gregory N. L'Heureux
Finance Director

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TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2007

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,659,155	-	7,659,155
Investments	9,553,133	-	9,553,133
Receivables:			
Accounts, net	25,710	160,057	185,767
Intergovernmental	130,546	-	130,546
Taxes receivable	715,684	-	715,684
Tax liens	207,773	-	207,773
Internal balances	156,539	(156,539)	-
Inventory	50,916	-	50,916
Capital assets, net	32,168,399	18,115	32,186,514
Total assets	50,667,854	21,633	50,689,488
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	916,754	-	916,754
Accrued wages and benefits payable	40,218	3,518	43,736
Compensated absences payable	181,000	-	181,000
Accrued interest	124,731	-	124,731
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Other long-term liabilities	1,136,055		1,136,055
Bonds due within one year	1,376,750	-	1,376,750
Bonds due in more than one year	10,575,850	-	10,575,850
Total liabilities	14,351,358	3,518	14,354,876
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	20,215,799	18,115	20,233,914
Restricted for:			
Special revenues	965,797	-	965,797
Capital projects	269,074	-	269,074
Nonexpendable trust principal	1,145,028	-	1,145,028
Other purposes	477,768	-	477,768
Unrestricted	13,243,030	-	13,243,030
Total net assets	\$ 36,316,496	18,115	36,334,611

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

statement 2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Functions/programs	Program Revenues					Net (expense) revenue and changes in net assets	
	Expenses	Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities	Primary Government	
						Business-type activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 1,565,930	226,508	-	-	(1,339,422)	-	(1,339,422)
Public safety	2,643,358	304,578	94,392	-	(2,244,388)	-	(2,244,388)
Public works	2,765,706	196,925	260,215	-	(2,308,565)	-	(2,308,565)
Community services	892,341	163,431	11,005	-	(717,905)	-	(717,905)
Education	14,644,641	963,965	2,350,949	-	(11,329,727)	-	(11,329,727)
Maine State Retirement on behalf payments	1,473,000	-	1,473,000	-	-	-	-
County tax	751,831	-	-	-	(751,831)	-	(751,831)
Unclassified	1,511,850	531,259	147,278	-	(833,314)	-	(833,314)
Interest on debt	838,927	-	-	-	(838,927)	-	(838,927)
Capital maintenance expenses	62,940	-	-	752,756	689,816	-	689,816
Total governmental activities	27,150,524	2,386,666	4,336,840	752,756	(19,674,262)	-	(19,674,262)
Business-type activities:							
Nonemergency Transportation	332,733	505,441	-	-	-	172,708	172,708
Total business-type activities	332,733	505,441	-	-	-	172,708	172,708
Total primary government	\$ 27,483,257	2,892,107	4,336,840	752,756	(19,674,262)	172,708	(19,501,554)
General revenues:							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					\$ 18,608,749	-	18,608,749
Motor vehicle excise taxes					1,400,073	-	1,400,073
Interest and lien costs					68,277	-	68,277
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:							
Homestead exemption					151,201	-	151,201
Other State aid					85,235	-	85,235
State Revenue Sharing					613,118	-	613,118
Unrestricted investment earnings					1,111,190	-	1,111,190
Transfer from NET					166,455	(166,455)	-
Miscellaneous revenues					878,735	-	878,735
Total general revenues and transfers					23,083,033	(166,455)	22,916,578
Change in net assets					3,408,771	6,253	3,415,024
Net assets - beginning					32,907,725	11,862	32,919,587
Net assets - ending					\$ 36,316,496	18,115	36,334,611

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2007

	General	Town Reserve Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Assets:				
Cash	\$ 6,012,757	1,113,272	533,126	7,659,155
Investments	3,643,852	4,297,825	1,611,456	9,553,133
Receivables:				
Accounts	21,429	-	4,281	25,709
Intergovernmental	-	-	130,546	130,546
Taxes receivable	715,684	-	-	715,684
Tax liens	207,773	-	-	207,773
Interfund loans receivable	357,284	-	3,786,552	4,143,835
Inventory	21,023	-	29,893	50,916
Total assets	\$ 10,979,801	5,411,097	6,095,853	22,486,751

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 454,035	-	107,019	561,054
Accrued wages and benefits	40,218	-	-	40,218
Compensated absences payable	181,000	-	-	181,000
Taxes collected in advance	17,982	-	-	17,982
Interfund loans	3,830,853	136,646	19,798	3,987,297
Development escrows	150,751	-	-	150,751
Deferred tax revenues	639,200	-	-	639,200
Other deferred revenues	186,967	-	-	186,967
Total liabilities	5,501,006	136,646	126,817	5,764,469

Fund balances:

Reserved for:				
Encumbrances	261,152	-	-	261,152
Nonexpendable trust principal	-	-	1,145,028	1,145,028
Future retirement pay	165,700	-	-	165,700
Inventory	21,023	-	29,893	50,916
Unreserved, reported in:				
Designated	1,565,000	-	451,674	2,016,674
Undesignated:				
General fund	3,465,920	-	-	3,465,920
Special revenue funds	-	5,274,451	1,708,038	6,982,490
Capital project funds	-	-	2,619,515	2,619,515
Permanent funds	-	-	14,888	14,888
Total fund balances	5,478,795	5,274,451	5,969,036	16,722,282
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 10,979,801	5,411,097	6,095,853	22,486,751

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	32,168,399
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore, are deferred in the funds.	639,201
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(13,213,386)
Net assets of governmental activities	36,316,496

statement 4

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2007

	General	Town Reserve Funds	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 19,278,273	-	810,626	20,088,899
Licenses, permits and fees	238,953	74,430	-	313,383
Intergovernmental	2,853,242	-	1,148,022	4,001,264
Intergovernmental on behalf payments	1,473,000	-	-	1,473,000
Tuition and other charges for services - education	963,965	-	-	963,965
Charges for services	274,051	249,909	1,050,196	1,574,155
Fees and fines	61,630	-	-	61,630
Unclassified	16,897	212,340	587,916	817,153
Investment earnings	395,846	499,121	216,223	1,111,190
Total revenues	25,555,857	1,035,800	3,812,983	30,404,641
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,204,565	-	-	1,204,565
Public safety	1,906,443	-	19,437	1,925,881
Public works	1,975,840	-	78,035	2,053,875
Community services	593,005	-	-	593,005
Education	13,935,271	-	522,529	14,457,801
Maine State Retirement on behalf payments	1,473,000	-	-	1,473,000
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,122,783	-	-	1,122,783
County tax	751,831	-	-	751,831
Food services	-	-	532,721	532,721
Unclassified	262,397	22,722	661,328	946,447
Capital outlay	-	-	2,172,920	2,172,920
Debt service	1,715,489	-	319,660	2,035,149
Total expenditures	24,940,626	22,722	4,306,630	29,269,978
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	615,231	1,013,078	(493,647)	1,134,662
Other financing sources (uses):				
Operating transfers from other funds	352,177	864,863	1,491,638	2,708,677
Operating transfers to other funds	(872,904)	(1,243,045)	(426,273)	(2,542,222)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(520,727)	(378,183)	1,065,365	166,455
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	94,504	634,895	571,718	1,301,117
Fund balances, beginning of year	5,384,291	4,639,556	5,397,318	15,421,166
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 5,478,795	5,274,451	5,969,036	16,722,283

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from Statement 4)	\$	1,301,117
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Statement 2) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation and the loss from disposal of capital assets in the current period.		576,577
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Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.		(11,800)
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		227
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Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded proceeds.		1,542,650
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Change in net assets of governmental activities (see Statement 2)	\$	3,408,771
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

statement 6

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - All Budgeted Governmental Fund Types
General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2007

	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 18,712,760	18,712,760	19,278,273	565,513
Licenses, permits and fees	218,200	218,200	238,953	20,753
Intergovernmental	2,876,067	2,856,067	2,853,242	(2,825)
Tuition and other charges for services - education	839,917	839,917	963,965	124,048
Charges for services	218,500	218,500	274,051	55,551
Fees and fines	54,500	54,500	61,630	7,130
Unclassified	11,650	11,650	16,897	5,247
Investment earnings	130,000	130,000	395,846	265,846
Total revenues	23,061,594	23,041,594	24,082,857	1,041,263
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,280,151	1,280,151	1,222,866	57,285
Public safety	1,889,495	1,889,495	1,863,228	26,267
Public works	1,817,588	1,817,588	1,754,769	62,819
Community services	627,745	627,745	606,852	20,893
Education	13,918,981	13,918,981	13,935,271	(16,290)
Insurance and fringe benefits	1,260,800	1,260,800	1,136,406	124,394
County tax	751,831	751,831	751,831	-
Unclassified	276,500	276,500	272,256	4,244
Debt service	1,758,930	1,758,930	1,715,489	43,441
Total expenditures	23,582,021	23,582,021	23,258,969	323,052
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(520,427)	(540,427)	823,889	1,364,316
Other financing sources (uses):				
Use of undesignated fund balance - Town	350,000	370,000	-	(370,000)
Use of undesignated fund balance - School	15,000	15,000	-	(15,000)
Use of undesignated fund balance - Reserves	-	599,077	-	(599,077)
Operating transfers from other funds	352,177	352,177	352,177	-
Operating transfers to other funds	(196,750)	(795,827)	(872,904)	(77,077)
Total other financing sources (uses)	520,427	540,427	(520,727)	(1,061,154)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses - budgetary basis	-	-	303,161	303,161
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:				
Encumbrances			(208,657)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures - GAAP basis			94,504	
Fund balance, beginning of year			5,384,291	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		5,478,795	

exhibit A-1

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund
June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 6,012,757	4,723,416
Investments	3,643,852	4,206,108
Accounts receivables	21,429	23,862
Taxes receivable	715,684	663,918
Tax liens	207,773	231,719
Inventory	21,023	17,523
Interfund loans	357,284	118,191
Total assets	\$ 10,979,801	9,984,737
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	454,035	339,352
Accrued wages and benefits	40,218	38,809
Compensated absences payable	181,000	179,000
Taxes collected in advance	17,982	15,739
Interfund loans	3,830,853	3,097,084
Development escrows	150,751	173,965
Deferred tax revenues	639,200	651,000
Other deferred revenues	186,967	105,497
Total liabilities	5,501,006	4,600,446
Fund balance:		
Reserved for:		
Encumbrances	261,152	555,588
Inventory	21,023	17,523
Future retirement pay	165,700	157,300
Designated	1,565,000	1,385,000
Undesignated - School	5,930	49,577
Undesignated - Town	3,459,990	3,219,303
Total fund balance	5,478,795	5,384,291
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 10,979,801	9,984,737

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

exhibit A-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund
Year ended June 30, 2007

(with comparative actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2006)

	2007		Variance positive (negative)	2006 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 17,430,260	17,809,923	379,663	17,400,030
Excise taxes & registration fees	1,237,500	1,400,073	162,573	1,365,683
Interest and lien costs	45,000	68,277	23,277	51,714
Total taxes	18,712,760	19,278,273	565,513	18,817,428
Licenses, permits and fees:				
Building, plumbing & electrical permits	95,000	103,875	8,875	199,411
Town clerk licenses & fees	31,800	43,257	11,457	35,561
Mooring and other harbor fees	76,000	76,712	712	47,951
Solid waste permits	2,400	2,250	(150)	2,250
Shellfish licenses	13,000	12,859	(141)	12,800
Total licenses, permits and fees	218,200	238,953	20,753	297,973
Intergovernmental:				
Education subsidies	1,713,657	1,707,882	(5,775)	1,380,220
Adult education subsidy	52,000	48,024	(3,976)	57,517
State tree growth reimbursement	35,000	55,735	20,735	-
State general assistance	8,000	11,005	3,005	9,360
State revenue sharing	625,000	613,118	(11,882)	691,097
State homestead exemption reimbursement	170,000	151,201	(18,799)	171,441
State road assistance	165,000	156,072	(8,928)	170,268
Public safety contributions	56,110	80,705	24,595	15,525
Other intergovernmental	31,300	29,500	(1,800)	47,882
Total intergovernmental	2,856,067	2,853,242	(2,825)	2,543,311
Tuition and other charges for services - education	839,917	963,965	124,048	972,732
Charges for services:				
Planning	35,000	79,376	44,376	92,644
Transfer station and recycling	99,000	128,145	29,145	116,671
Parking lot	37,500	37,500	-	37,500
Vehicle maintenance	12,000	9,261	(2,739)	7,982
Engineering	35,000	19,769	(15,231)	28,228
Total charges for services	218,500	274,051	55,551	283,024
Fees and fines:				
Police parking and other fines	28,500	32,672	4,172	30,150
Library fines and fees	12,000	12,289	289	10,688
Alarm and other fire fees	14,000	16,669	2,669	13,620
Total fees and fines	54,500	61,630	7,130	54,458

exhibit A-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2007		Variance positive (negative)	2006 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Revenues, continued:				
Unclassified	11,650	16,897	5,247	17,740
Investment earnings	130,000	395,846	265,846	279,911
Total revenues	23,041,594	24,082,857	1,041,263	23,266,576
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Town council	103,100	95,762	7,338	96,734
Town manager	120,552	118,626	1,926	109,944
Finance and treasury	264,801	263,213	1,588	254,685
Assessing	123,494	122,344	1,150	119,049
Code enforcement	69,116	69,610	(494)	67,792
Town clerk and elections	81,444	79,569	1,875	77,907
General administration	141,884	124,460	17,424	127,926
Municipal buildings	258,932	234,829	24,103	199,356
Planning	116,828	114,454	2,374	109,777
Total general government	1,280,151	1,222,866	57,285	1,163,170
Public Safety:				
Police department	828,796	825,328	3,468	800,584
Special enforcement	39,982	34,682	5,300	38,198
Fire department	315,917	313,619	2,298	283,733
Rescue	275,469	274,898	571	240,267
Dispatch	207,831	205,218	2,613	201,558
Hydrant rental	170,000	161,949	8,051	162,433
Street lights	51,500	47,534	3,966	46,316
Total public safety	1,889,495	1,863,228	26,267	1,773,089
Public Works:				
General road operations	646,287	638,423	7,864	601,979
Summer roads	454,600	445,266	9,334	439,856
Winter roads	107,000	89,957	17,043	69,877
Tree program	13,050	11,525	1,525	11,023
Solid waste	508,699	482,709	25,990	444,709
Engineering	87,952	86,888	1,064	84,104
Total public works	1,817,588	1,754,769	62,819	1,651,548

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exhibit A-2

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2007		Variance	2006
	Budget	Actual	positive (negative)	Actual
Expenditures, continued:				
Current, continued:				
Community services:				
Human services agencies	46,400	46,400	-	46,100
Public library	359,670	347,270	12,400	333,418
Cable TV	55,716	57,044	(1,328)	45,081
Promotions	15,900	14,565	1,335	15,850
General assistance	86,373	83,267	3,106	70,512
Coastal waters	54,036	50,167	3,869	51,587
Shellfish commission	4,100	3,513	587	560
Other	5,550	4,626	924	15,494
Total community services	627,745	606,852	20,893	578,601
Education:				
Elementary -Morse Street	1,968,023	2,030,159	(62,136)	1,654,306
Elementary -Mast Landing	2,168,686	2,159,478	9,208	1,666,965
Middle School	3,029,484	3,013,474	16,011	2,334,228
High School	4,280,934	4,314,134	(33,200)	3,308,623
Debt service	364,719	364,719	-	384,656
Administration and Central Services	1,551,343	1,379,109	172,234	1,516,992
Employee benefits & insurances	-	-	-	1,993,169
Community services and recreation	555,792	674,199	(118,407)	624,337
Total education	13,918,981	13,935,271	(16,290)	13,483,277
Insurance and fringe benefits:				
Employee benefits	1,168,800	1,051,229	117,571	1,062,687
Insurances	92,000	85,178	6,823	75,034
Total insurance and fringe benefits	1,260,800	1,136,406	124,394	1,137,721
Unclassified:				
County tax	751,831	751,831	-	736,850
Bustin's Island Corporation	174,000	168,236	5,764	166,013
Miscellaneous & contingency	52,500	48,853	3,647	33,689
Abatements	50,000	55,167	(5,167)	46,658
Total unclassified	1,028,331	1,024,087	4,244	983,209
Debt service	1,758,930	1,715,489	43,441	1,841,519
Total expenditures	23,582,021	23,258,969	323,052	22,612,135
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under)				
expenditures	(540,427)	823,889	1,364,316	654,441

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TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, Continued

	2007		Variance positive (negative)	2006 Actual
	Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Budgeted utilization of surplus - Town	370,000	-	(370,000)	-
Budgeted utilization of surplus - School	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Budgeted utilization of surplus - Reserves	599,077	-	(599,077)	
Operating transfers in	352,177	352,177	-	381,177
Operating transfers out	(795,827)	(872,904)	(77,077)	(755,121)
Total other financing sources (uses)	540,427	(520,727)	(1,061,154)	(373,944)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses - budgetary basis	-	303,161	303,161	280,497
Reconciliation to GAAP basis:				
Encumbrances		(208,657)		208,172
Future retirement and vacation pay		-		-
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures - GAAP basis		94,504		488,669
Fund balance, beginning of year		5,384,291		4,895,622
Fund balance, end of year	\$	5,478,795		5,384,291

See accompanying independent auditors' report.

exhibit C-3

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2006	Revenues		Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2007
		Inter- governmental	Other				
Town Reserve Funds (Major Fund):							
Unemployment compensation fund	\$ 293,828	-	47,961	3,481	44,480	-	338,308
General administration reserve	340,935	-	34,703	894	33,810	(11,250)	363,495
Police equipment reserve	129,296	-	12,541	317	12,223	33,750	175,269
Cable TV equipment reserve	196,568	-	94,125	504	93,620	(55,000)	235,189
Public infrastructure reserve	601,598	-	160,578	2,097	158,482	149,613	909,692
Land Trust reserve	17,333	-	1,790	485	1,305	-	18,638
Public works equipment reserve	996,892	-	107,873	2,830	105,043	(8,500)	1,093,436
Ambulance equipment reserve	247,147	-	262,691	507	262,183	(60,545)	448,785
Building maintenance reserve	385,649	-	38,284	977	37,307	67,500	490,456
Fire equipment reserve	995,922	-	100,598	2,583	98,015	(396,500)	697,437
Municipal parking lot reserve	136,939	-	21,945	5,825	16,119	-	153,059
Hedgehog mountain reserve	22,242	-	2,303	1,760	543	-	22,785
Recycling equipment reserve	180,264	-	17,983	460	17,523	23,750	221,537
Road impact fee reserve	55,250	-	132,350	-	132,350	(123,500)	64,100
Other	39,693	-	75	2	73	2,500	42,266
Total town reserve funds	4,639,556	-	1,035,800	22,722	1,013,078	(378,183)	5,274,451
School Reserve Funds:							
Building reserve	162,774	48,000	18,204	501	65,704	(130,169)	98,309
Technology reserve	11,565	8,711	3,884	102	12,493	(127)	23,931
Vehicle reserve	23,441	-	3,258	90	3,168	29,873	56,482
Total school reserve funds	197,780	56,711	25,346	692	81,365	(100,423)	178,722
Winslow Park fund	287,201	-	264,786	187,292	77,494	-	364,694
TIF Funds:							
TIF I - Desert road	60,675	-	115,491	114,276	1,214	-	61,889
TIF II - Desert road phase II	54,355	-	493,914	493,914	0	-	54,355
TIF III - Nursing home	95,654	-	20,711	-	20,711	-	116,365
TIF IV - Destination TIF	142,005	-	157,899	35,285	122,614	-	264,619
TIF V - Hotel TIF	-	-	47,140	47,140	-	-	-
Total TIF funds	352,689	-	835,155	690,615	144,540	-	497,229
Bartol Building Lease Fund	457,936	-	341,924	-	341,924	(297,177)	502,683
Tower Lease Fund	185,109	-	177,013	-	177,013	(150,000)	212,122

TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Special Revenue Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2006	Revenues		Expenditures	Revenues over (under) expenditures	Other sources and (uses)	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2007
		Inter- governmental	Other				
Town Grants and Programs:							
Jump start program	\$ 11,556	2,137	50	7,537	(5,350)	-	6,206
Homeland security grants	11,903	49,835	-	50,935	(1,100)	-	10,804
FEMA	-	104,143	-	78,035	26,109	-	26,109
Regional Efficiency grant	-	11,550	-	11,900	(350)	-	(350)
Department of Marine Resource Audit	-	9,300	5,888	-	15,188	-	15,188
Other	31,269	1,592	13,486	6,202	8,876	-	40,145
Total Town Grants and Projects	54,729	178,557	19,424	154,609	43,373	-	98,102
Freeport Economic Development Corporation	100,661	-	10,061	91,849	(81,787)	85,000	103,874
School Categorical & Other Funds:							
ECIA Title I-A	2,043	107,942	-	102,098	5,844	-	7,886
Local entitlement	49,500	272,850	-	295,259	(22,409)	-	27,091
Local entitlement Sec 619	1,371	3,320	-	-	3,320	-	4,691
Teacher quality grant	15,596	57,109	-	49,371	7,738	-	23,334
Carl Perkins	4,502	-	-	-	-	-	4,502
Transition Pilot	1,522	7,000	-	-	7,000	-	8,522
Title V	-	2,026	-	2,026	-	-	-
Title II technology	1,904	1,563	-	3,467	(1,904)	-	-
Drug free schools	3,223	5,250	-	8,473	(3,223)	-	-
Katrina grant	5,000	-	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
State agency clients	7,633	1,733	-	-	1,733	-	9,366
Professional development	13,850	11,414	-	24,007	(12,593)	-	1,257
Medicaid	67,580	49,377	-	3,457	45,920	(75,000)	38,500
SAMHA	-	7,500	-	3,520	3,980	-	3,980
Donations	20,319	-	3,779	-	3,779	-	24,098
Community education scholarship	25,956	-	187	-	187	-	26,143
Auditorium fund	3,666	-	14,791	8,723	6,068	-	9,734
Community education football	-	-	25,517	12,287	13,230	-	13,230
Aspirations	3,017	-	14,217	6,060	8,157	(8,414)	2,759
Teen center	7,490	-	924	18,996	(18,072)	8,000	(2,582)
Dollars for scholars	5,473	-	266	1,800	(1,534)	-	3,940
Other	4,620	-	8,553	6,350	2,203	414	7,237
Total school categorical funds	244,265	527,085	68,233	550,895	44,423	(75,000)	213,688
School Lunch Program	8,128	147,278	284,480	532,721	(100,963)	111,327	18,492
Total special revenue funds	\$ 6,528,054	909,631	3,062,222	2,231,395	1,740,458	(804,455)	7,464,057

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TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2006	Inter- governmental	Other Revenues	Bond Proceeds	Transfers	Expenditures	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2007
School Capital Project Funds:							
School buses & other vehicles	\$ 65,101	-	-	-	(1,141)	63,960	-
Technology upgrades	85,652	-	-	-	109,500	101,834	93,318
Mast Landing improvements	10,290	-	-	-	19,055	-	29,345
Morse School improvements	106,647	-	-	-	39,852	126,500	20,000
Middle School improvements	30,957	-	-	-	(3,500)	23,957	3,500
High School improvements	60,000	-	-	-	56,034	56,372	59,662
Other School projects	16,162	-	-	-	19,700	-	35,862
Total school capital projects	374,809	-	-	-	239,500	372,622	241,687
Fire Department Capital Project Funds							
Protective clothing	6,007	-	-	-	14,000	5,460	14,547
Engine Five	-	-	-	-	450,000	-	450,000
Thermal imaging	35,000	-	-	-	-	33,000	2,000
Other	6,305	-	-	-	-	2,174	4,132
Total fire department	47,312	-	-	-	464,000	40,634	470,678
Rescue Department Capital Project Funds							
Protective clothing	13,325	-	-	-	-	3,903	9,422
Ambulance replacement	-	-	-	-	110,000	33,362	76,638
Electronic run reporting	-	-	-	-	12,000	9,700	2,300
Total rescue department	13,325	-	-	-	122,000	46,965	88,360
Public Works Capital Project Funds							
Grader repair	181,093	-	-	-	-	156,623	24,470
Dump truck replacement, sander & plow	-	-	-	-	143,500	-	143,500
One Ton Truck	3,203	-	-	-	-	277	2,926
Wheeler truck replacement, sander & plow	3,269	-	-	-	-	-	3,269
Total public works	187,565	-	-	-	143,500	156,900	174,165
Police Department Capital Project Funds							
Public safety recording equipment	2,882	-	-	-	-	1,284	1,598
Bullet proof vests	4,894	-	-	-	-	-	4,894
Other	9,723	-	-	-	-	9,503	219
Total police department	17,498	-	-	-	-	10,787	6,711

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Capital Project Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Fund Balance June 30, 2006	Inter- governmental	Other Revenues	Bond Proceeds	Transfers	Expenditures	Fund Balance June 30, 2007
Recycling Capital Project Funds:							
Landfill closing	\$ 116,436	-	-	-	-	-	116,436
Loader Tires	-	-	-	-	10,000	6,650	3,350
Other	29,655	-	-	-	-	936	28,720
Total recycling capital projects	146,091	-	-	-	10,000	7,586	148,505
Comprehensive Town Improvement Funds:							
South Freeport road projects	14,938	-	-	-	-	-	14,938
Pleasant Hill road projects	226,096	198,858	-	-	-	226,806	198,149
Grove street widening	10,202	-	-	-	-	-	10,202
Mallet Dr. paving match	35,250	-	-	-	-	-	35,250
Main St. paving and drainage match	34,123	-	-	-	20,000	-	54,123
Little River culvert	20,000	-	-	-	-	16,660	3,340
Flying Point Road	-	-	-	-	267,000	-	267,000
North Main street sidewalks	-	-	-	-	153,000	-	153,000
Cottage & Forest street reconstruction	-	-	-	-	145,000	-	145,000
South street projects	-	-	-	-	40,000	-	40,000
Other	14,187	-	-	-	-	543	13,644
Total comprehensive town improvement	354,796	198,858	-	-	625,000	244,009	934,646
Municipal Buildings and Other Improvement Funds:							
Resurface parking lot	49,029	-	-	-	-	45,213	3,815
Computer system upgrade	73,222	-	-	-	20,000	51,387	41,835
Dunning boat yard	13,488	-	-	-	-	7,043	6,445
Cable TV	86,835	-	-	-	30,000	91,468	25,367
Valuation update	24,998	-	-	-	-	8,403	16,595
Other	68,589	-	-	-	-	3,752	64,837
Total municipal buildings and other	316,160	-	-	-	50,000	207,266	158,894
Boards and Committees Improvement Funds:							
Recreation fund	4,865	-	266	-	-	-	5,131
Harbor fund	29,372	-	-	-	-	-	29,372
Land conservation fund	251,443	10,808	-	-	-	22,549	239,702
Community center	666,096	28,725	457,654	-	(187,363)	965,112	-
Citizens Survey	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000
Other	1,659	-	-	-	-	-	1,659
Total boards and committees	953,435	39,533	457,920	-	(162,363)	987,661	300,864
Undesignated Interest	77,706	-	17,298	-	-	-	95,004
Total capital project funds	2,488,697	238,391	475,218	-	1,491,638	2,074,429	2,619,515

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TOWN OF FREEPORT, MAINE
Permanent Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Individual Funds
Year ended June 30, 2007

	Principal			Unexpended Income			Total
	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2006	Revenues Unrealized/ Realized Gains	Other	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2007	Fund Balance (deficit) June 30, 2006	Interest Income Expenditures	
Cemetery Care:							
Perpetual Care:	\$	10,783	-	140,015	(12,379)	3,441	-
Burr	129,233	3,804	600	49,998	(4,352)	1,214	127,339
Grove	45,595	1,133	-	14,895	(676)	364	45,541
Webster	13,761	1,685	-	21,876	(2,359)	538	14,190
Woodlawn	20,191	3,649	6,600	50,037	(4,045)	1,244	19,470
South Freeport	39,788	614	-	7,974	(859)	196	45,950
Flying Point	7,360	189	-	2,460	38	66	7,098
Town maintained	2,271	57	-	813	615	20	2,493
Davis Mausoleum	755	31	-	423	134	11	1,427
Carrie Thomas	392	834	-	10,870	308	267	557
A.O. Woodard	10,036						11,241
Total Cemetery Funds	269,381	22,780	7,200	299,361	(23,576)	7,311	275,304
Library Funds:							
Bartol Association	26,859	3,815	540	31,213	(511)	1,152	31,854
Paul and Emma Bennett	14,883	2,113	-	16,996	2,726	358	19,271
Eleanor Brewer	5,525	1,126	-	6,650	161	167	6,978
Albert Conley	26,840	3,811	-	30,651	9,657	645	40,953
Jane Hall	104,365	14,820	2,228	121,413	7,686	2,509	130,251
Total Library Funds	178,471	25,684	2,768	206,923	19,719	4,831	229,307
School Scholarship Funds							
Fitts Award	2,317	329	-	2,646	(383)	56	2,319
Salomon Plummer	7,978	1,133	-	9,111	(2,169)	192	7,134
Wallace True	4,634	658	-	5,292	(515)	111	4,888
Millard and Enid Crooker	23,136	3,286	-	26,422	(3,579)	556	23,399
Alice Pollock	9,835	1,397	-	11,232	(747)	236	10,721
Audis Foster	1,738	247	-	1,985	(147)	42	1,880
Kenneth Thompson	6,954	988	-	7,942	(295)	167	7,814
Christine Small Cushing	141,705	20,059	170	161,935	8,095	3,400	171,761
Total School Scholarship Funds	198,298	28,096	170	226,565	259	4,761	229,915
Benevolent Funds:							
George Davis	10,060	1,429	-	11,489	(742)	242	10,989
Arthur L. Gould	351,060	49,631	-	400,691	17,193	8,418	414,401
Total Benevolent Funds	361,120	51,060	-	412,180	16,452	8,660	425,389
Total	1,007,270	127,620	10,138	1,145,028	12,854	25,563	1,159,916

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MUNICIPAL & COMMUNITY

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ANIMAL CONTROL – Tom Kay	865-4800	
ASSESSOR – Robert Konczal	865-4743	ext. 140
CABLE TV DIRECTOR – Rick Simard	865-4743	ext. 114
CODES ENFORCEMENT – Fred Reeder	865-4743	ext. 102
COMMUNITY SERVICE DIRECTOR – Leslie Livingston	865-3985	
COMMUNITY EDUCATION – Russell Packett	865-6171	
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ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR – Arthur Osgood	865-4743	
EMERGENCY PREP. – Darrel Fournier	865-3421	
FINANCE DIRECTOR – Gregory L'Heureux	865-4743	ext. 115
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FREEPORT CONSERVATION TRUST – Edward Brainard, President	??-??-??	
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE – Johanna Hanselman	865-4743	ext. 120
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Randall Thomas	865-3170	
LIBRARIAN – Beth Edmonds	865-3307	
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POLICE CHIEF – Jerry Schofield	865-4800	
PUBLIC WORKS – Jim Plummer	865-4461	
RECYCLING DIRECTOR – Albert Presgraves	865-3740	
DEPUTY RESCUE CHIEF – Paul Conley	865-3421	
SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT – Elaine Tomaszewski	865-0928	
SEWER DISTRICT MANAGER – Thomas Allen	865-3540	
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Wednesday	8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 1:00pm

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■ FREEPORT SCHOOLS

PRINCIPALS

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL	Mark Pinkham	865-4706
MIDDLE (JR. HIGH SCHOOL)	Kathie Marquis-Girard	865-6051
MORSE	Cheryl White	865-6361
MAST LANDING	Mary Beth Willhoite	865-4561
	Holly Couturier	
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS	Elaine Tomaszewski	865-0928
SCHOOL NURSE	Brenda White	865-4561
	Barbara Chisholm	865-4706

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